

ADDENDUM MATERIAL

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ITEM NO. A223

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 9:02 PM
To: COB_mail; District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5
Subject: Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

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To: Clerk Of The Board For PIMA County

I request the following comment becomes part of the Addendum to the Agenda comments for the Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

2. Pima County Library Protocol for Medical Exemptions from Mask Mandate
- Discussion/Direction/Action regarding the protocol for accommodating Pima County Library patrons.

The residents of Pima County undoubtedly recognize that the latest virus will be part of our lives indefinitely. As adults we should be responsible for our own health choices and the wearing/not wearing of masks is a personal choice. As for children and teens science says their rate of infection is minimal and, again, the choice belongs to them and their parents.

As an aside, it is also time for the Board of Supervisors to open their meetings to the public - the people who elected them should have the ability to see and talk to the Board in person.

Gail Ault

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Pima County resident

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Danielle Greene

From: District4
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 4:59 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: FW: R. Huish Library Experience
Attachments: Scan 4.pdf

From: Huish Family [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 12:16 AM
To: District4 <District4@pima.gov>
Subject: R. Huish Library Experience

Mr Christy,

Here is the account of the incident that I told you about today on the phone.

On December 13, 2022 I took my children to the Edmond Station Library Branch after I had picked them up from Cienega High School to help them renew library cards (approximately 4:00pm). Upon entry I was instructed by one of the staff members to wear a mask. I informed them that I had a medical condition that prevented me from wearing one and produced my doctor's note. They informed me that they would provide me with a face shield. I stated that my note states no masks, face shields or other face coverings. I was then told that I would have to leave the building and that I would be serviced outside. I asked the staff at this time, "isn't this discrimination?" The staff member I had been talking to stated that it was county policy that anyone entering county buildings would have to wear a mask or face covering. I was not interested in causing an additional scene in front of my teenage daughters and waited for them outside while they finished renewing their library cards. As I stated before I attempted to reach out to my county supervisor for help regarding this issue, he sent it to the head of Pima County Libraries, I will forward that email to you next. I will also be attaching a copy of my doctor's note to this email as well as evidence of my medical exemption.

This was an experience that has been both embarrassing for my children as their father was kicked out of a library in front of them. What was a source of pride for my children turned into a source of embarrassment for them, I have issues because of my exposure to burn pits while deployed to Afghanistan. After struggling with work to get an exemption to the mask policy because of my medical condition and then being told I was not welcome in a public library. For the first time in my life I felt emotions of regret for joining the military.

I hope that you are able to do something about the discrimination that people with medical conditions that keep them from wearing a mask or face coverings are experiencing at the hands of library staff. This was not the first time this has happened and I fear that unless resolved this kind of discriminatory behavior will continue.

Thank you for your help,

Robert Huish

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Therapeutic formulary substitutions according to health plan are authorized
with this prescription unless otherwise noted.

The patient was evaluated and based on the
medical history and evaluation was found
to be medically exempt from wearing
masks, face shields, or other face
coverings.

Refill _____ times

Signature Cynthia Miley M.D.

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