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Ms. Messenger,

The Council recently asked staff to compile a list of "for" and "against" public comment on the mini-initiative calling for an ordinance to ban all mask and vaccine mandates in Clark County.

I am writing to be counted in opposition to this mini-initiative and any such ordinance.

Thank you, Erin Allee

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Subject

Mini-Initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

This comment is in support of the mini-initiative to end discrimination through mandates. The ordinance doesn't call to end all mandates, only those that discriminate based on someone's medical health status, violates private medical health info or does not honor health, religious or moral objector in an equitable manner.

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Subject

Mini Initiative Prohibiting Mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

County Councilors,

I am strongly opposed to the Mini-Initiative prohibiting mandates. This initiative is freighting and full of misinformation, paranoia, selfishness and penalties! It's a discriminatory invasion of my rights, public health and more about party lines and division.

I believe in and appreciate the experts of the CDC, DOH, and Scientists, and rely on their expertise to help me make informed decisions for my health. I have elderly parents with compromised health issues and we have all had to make sacrifices for their safety. I have family in the health care industries that are burnt out to the extent that mistakes are being made. So I have a hard time understanding those that do compromise the health of others under the guise of their rights are being taken away.

I have appreciated Governor Inslee's handling of this pandemic as well. This has been an unprecedented time in our world and lessons are being learned along the way. I'm grateful for his leadership at time when there wasn't any at the onslaught of the pandemic. Our state could have experienced so much more sickness, death and loss.

I can imagine that if this initiative is passed will bring about many lawsuits, state and federal violations.

I was raised to always take care of myself and others. I'm actively listening to the experts, wearing masks, cleanings
hands, fully vaccinated, supporting businesses, not attending events, participating in online classes, helping where I can
– all because community and everyone's health is more important to me. It takes all of us in making sacrifices to benefit
our communities.

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Subject

Mask mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Stop all mask mandates. They do not stop the spread and the emergency is over. It is time to allow people the freedom of choice and freedom guaranteed us in the constitution.

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Name

Melissa Leady

Subject

Vote yes on the anti-discrimination initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I support the anti-discrimination mini-initiative. It's sad that we have to pass an initiative to state what is so obvious: it is wrong to discriminate based on someone's health status!

The mandates, intrusive as they are, haven't even worked. Case rates this past month were at an all-time high: 1,679 new cases per 100,000 residents. This is 5-fold higher than previous waves. The vaccine and mask mandates have failed miserably.

The vaccines are not nearly effective enough at stopping transmission, which was the justification for the mandates. Using the most current week's DOH breakthrough data, 49% of new cases (Jan. 8-15) were fully vaccinated. (41,041 out of 84,066) It's wrong to mandate vaccines that are ineffective at stopping transmission. It's an overreach of government power.

The Clark County Council has the authority to pass this anti-discrimination initiative. It is a clear read in the RCW. Your constituents understand this.

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Subject

2021-1-MI Mask & Vaccination Mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Please reject this proposed ordinance (2021-1-MI). It truly alarms me for many reasons. My husband and I, both over 65, have chronic health conditions; we would have to even more severely curtail our activities if we couldn't trust Clark County organizations to employ sensible safety protocols (such as vaccinations and masks). I'm concerned that 2021-1-MI would create even more confusion and anxiety in an already-difficult situation. As a retired teacher and grandmother, I am concerned about the struggles of students and education professionals. As a local consumer, I worry about the plight of restaurants and other small businesses. As a volunteer in several local organizations, I've witnessed and been involved in herculean efforts to cope. The effect on people in the health-care field is horrifying. However, the scariest risk to me is that rising infection rates lead to more variants, possibly even worse than existing ones.

2021-1-MI contains several misleading statements:

1) According to the NIH, studies have NOT found "durable immunity" to exist with corona viruses such as COVID-19. www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8075217/

- 2) 2021-1-MI implies that COVID-19 vaccines are unsafe since they are still under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). However, the pandemic is a worldwide EMERGENCY, and the research and development of safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines was fast-tracked to address the crisis, like an HOV lane in rush-hour traffic. The process of EUA vaccine approval is rigorous. See this URL for more details: www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines/emergency-use-authorization-vaccines-explained
- 3) The HIPAA Privacy Rule ONLY applies to medical-care providers, NOT to organizations or individuals outside the medical field.

www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/privacy/guidance/hipaa-covid-19-vaccination-workplace/index.html

Aside from the threat of 2021-1-MI to exacerbate our challenging situation in many ways, is it wise or even legal to consider a proposed ordinance that contains so many spurious claims?

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Subject

Mini-initiative re: Covid Madates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

The proposed mini-initiative on halting all Covid mandates within the county is a mash up of discredited and false narratives. Essentially the initiative follows anti-science and anti-government conspiracy nonsense and will lead to disruption and law suits as has happened elsewhere. Once again that will require the taxpayers to pick up the bill. Generating large cost to the taxpayers and harming the scientifically based protections that are needed to end the pandemic is unwise.

Halting the mandates is NOT about "freedom" because there is a clear need to end the pandemic as soon as practical. Demanding the end to mandates puts my freedom at risk by exposing me and all those I care about to disease and possibly death. It is also very likely that such an end to mandates will extend the pandemic. While I have heard and evaluated the arguments against the mandates they make no sense. Keeping everyone healthy outweighs individual discomfort. The discredited basis for the initiative does not deserve consideration by the council much less passage. It is your duty as elected officials to stop disseminating disinformation and advancing falsehoods about the pandemic, the effectiveness of the mandates and the severity of the disease. Promoting the initiative only gives credence to a false narrative. The harm caused by ending the mandates will likely have additional unforeseen consequences. You cannot

argue your way past what you cannot see, understand or predict.

The only reasoned path here is to drop the initiative in the waste bin.

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Subject

Vote Yes

Date of Hearing

Wed, 02/02/2022

Comment

Hello.

I have a young child that is in school and is currently missing school non stop because he wears the mask for hours on end. He is constantly getting Sinus infections from having the mask on all day. I have a doctors order for my child to not wear the mask and the school REFUSES to honor it. The doctor has also mentioned that if he keeps getting these sinus infections that it will over time cause life long damage to the nasal air way. Why is it that my child has to endure a life long medical issue because 1 person the governor has made a mandate that goes against my child's safety. 1 month my child attended school for a total of 5 days. The reason being if he has any signs of illness he has to be out. His nasal passage was inflamed from the mask being worn. If this initiative doesn't pass my child will be removed from public schools. If you are at risk STAY HOME! There are many options of grocery pickup, online appointments and such. This Tyranny needs to end. Also Temple Lentz Your out! I am voting you out and I will spread the video of how you manipulate and lie to the public you don't stand for We The People. Your a disgrace to our democracy! Respectfully,

A concerned Mother, Alysha Meadows

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Subject

Ban on discriminatory mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Thank you for considering the request of the citizens of Clark County to Ban the mandates that have caused such problems of discrimination in our country. I hope you will help us gain back some of our freedoms and vote in favor of this.

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Subject

Stop vaccine and mask mandate discrimination

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Fri, 01/28/2022

Comment

Stop the vaccine and masks mandate discrimination

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Subject

Con - mini initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I urge Clark County Councilors to vote NO on this initiative. While I write this comment to you, I am listening to January 26th Clark County Board of Health meeting. The statements by our local medical healthcare leaders to the Board of Health are strong reasons to vote NO on this measure. As Councilors you are obligated to protect the residents in our community, and as members of the Clark County Board of Health, this includes protecting all residents' health and well-being. None of you have medical training nor practice as a healthcare professional. I urge you to respect these medical professionals who took time from their busy workday to present these statements to you and follow their guidance to vote NO on this initiative.

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Name

Liz Rondeau

Subject

Petition to Ban Discrimination

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I strongly believe that the Clark County Council members should defend the Constitutional freedoms of the county's citizens from vaccine mandates that force people to lose their livelihoods over their health status. It should be perfectly clear to you that this is government overreach infringing on people's bodily integrity and I'm praying that you will do the right thing and vote yes on the petition before you.

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Name

Kaitlin White

Subject

anti-discrimination ordinance and mini-initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Please support the anti-discrimination ordinance in Clark County. Please defend the freedoms of the people to choose for themselves how to protect their own health.

Please support the freedom of mothers to listen to their children when their children say that masks give them headaches, make it hard to breathe, make them anxious and scared, hurt their ears, fog up their glasses. Please support the right of parents to let their child take off their mask when they need to and want to, whenever and wherever they need to or want to. The children are at minimal risk from covid, and at great risk from many other mental, physical, and emotional problems that the current continuing response to covid has perpetuated.

A person should be allowed to decide how to protect their own health, whether that be by staying home or going out, wearing protective gear or not, taking medicines or not, etc.

We protect the weak and vulnerable by operating as a healthy, functioning community who cares about the physical AND emotional wellbeing of those around us.

Today is our life. Let us not waste it in fear.

Please vote yes in support of the anti-discrimination petition and ordinance.

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Subject

Covid response mini-initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I am writing as a community member, parent, and public school teacher of Clark County. I am appalled at the content and the politicized disinformation of the mini-initiative. My school reopened to students at the end of September 2020. We taught online and worked with students in person. We did this because that is what our students needed and we would do it again. Our students and families honored the common-sense guideline to wear masks. Our staff is now 100% vaccinated. We remain diligent with masking, distancing, and contact tracing. Despite all of these protocols being followed, we have seen more student absences due to active positive Covid cases in January of 2022 than at any earlier point in the pandemic. This is NOT the time to relax or remove guidelines. Please consider the drastic negative impact this initiative would have on the operation of our schools. It is difficult to find enough substitutes to cover staff absences as it is now. Aside from all of the other negative consequences of a short-sighted, politically motivated act such as this one, it would like result in not only loss of funding but also rolling school closures when staff cannot be found to cover for those made ill. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter. Sincerely, Monica Winkley (98661)

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Subject

Covid Mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Please do not hobble our Clark County government, agencies, schools and businesses with an ordinance that puts Clark County at odds with state and federal laws, science and common sense. The proposed ordinance itself is poorly drafted; it depends on aspirational language but it is full of gaps, contradictions and ambiguities. It promotes a rabid paranoia that does nothing to effectively address any legitimate concerns over the safety and efficacy of the vaccines and masking protocols, concerns about discrimination, or concerns over curtailed freedoms. It does not provide any real solution to any real problems, while it does promise instead to create more problems. Speaking specifically to those councilors who would be inclined to support this ordinance, please consider how it will not well serve the very people who have generated it.

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Subject

Oppose mini-initiative

Date of Hearing

Sat, 01/01/2022

Comment

Please oppose the mini-initiative that would make mask and vaccine mandates illegal across Clark County. I for one strongly support mask and vaccine mandates as a way to fight Covid in our community. Secondly, I have a son with an anxiety disorder who works at Safeway. He already is very anxious about Covid and the occasional person he sees at Safeway without a mask. If masks weren't required, I'm afraid his anxiety would be so bad he couldn't work at all. Thanks for opposing this mini-initiative and protecting our community.

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Subject

duty

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I would first like it notited that NOT allowing me to attend a public hearing in person is illegal. As per the The OPMA gives "all persons" the right to attend the meetings of governing bodies of public agencies, with exceptions for closed sessions discussed below. Washington law does not limit access to meetings to a specific category of people or a profession, such as "the traditional press." Anyone may attend. A governing body may not impose conditions on attendance, such as requiring you to register or complete a questionnaire.

Attendance means to be present at or to make an appearance (bodily).

I would like to comment on the petition to stop the discriminatory mandates of the vaccine and mask wearing. The CDC recently announced what I and many other healthcare workers and other citizens have known for awhile. A cloth or surgical masks Do Not prevent you from getting or spreading viruses, and yet we have been told we must 'comply' to keep us and other safe. The experimental vaccine has proven, just like the SARS 2 vaccine, to be uneffective. Also, being denied the right to work, shop, eat, or any other outside social activities based on unclear 'scientific based evidence' is against the constitution of this country. I have the God given right to have liberty and justice. Having had Covid twice AND and an H1N1 survivor, you have absolutely no reason to deny my right to work, own property, or live my life the way I chose. You are not allowed to discriminate against me because of my medical choices. If I am pregnant, would you

deny my right to work? Since some of you clearly have a 'misunderstanding' of what this petition is, I will tell you. It allows me to work, eat, shop, and have recreation where I want to and NOT based on where you tell me I can or can not. The ONLY reason companies are 'complying' is because you are fining them \$11,000 per violation per day. This is clearly all about money for you as one of you recentley publically stated. If I have to pay back my little bit of relielf fund that I have recieved in order to buy back my feedom that took away it is well worth it to me. You do not own me. You work for me! If I didn't pay taxes, you would not have a job! I am your boss! I tell YOU what to do. This is how our democracy works. Our country was founded because of tyrannical overreach such as you are doing. What did we do back then? The same as we will do now! We will fight back and we will continue to stand up for our freedoms!

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Name

Ethan

Subject

Hearing on Mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

To the Clark County councilors. I would like if you all did your duty in stopping these unlawful and unconstitutional mandates. They have hurt our community, our businesses, and our children. Mandates have not in any way stopped the spread of covid and I would encourage you to put an end to this nonsense.

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Name

Moriah V

Subject

Petition Hearing

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I am highly encouraging you to vote in favor of the ordinance that will stop discrimination. People have the right to make their own choice about what they want to do with their own bodies. The government is not allowed to tell us what to do with our bodies! Vote in favor of the ordinance!!!!!!!!!!

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Subject

Stop the tyrannical mandates

Date of Hearing

Thu, 01/27/2022

Comment

We American citizens are fed up with your tyrannical mandates and unscientific fear mongering. We will live our lives with our God-given freedoms to care for our own health and families. No more masks and no more so-called "vaccine" coercion

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Name

Joshua White

Subject

Pass the mini-initiative to ban "public health" mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

The government should have NO jurisdiction in the personal health decisions of individuals or their families.

Pass the mini-initiative to ban discriminatory mandates involving masks, vaccines, and other subjects the government has no business involving itself in.

Children are at more risk of death and serious health issues from the "vaccine" than they are from the virus that has been used as an excuse for government overreach.

Before the Panic of 2020, vaccines and masks were viewed as PERSONAL protection — meaning they protect the individual utilizing them (if they protect them at all)... so let individuals decide to utilize them or not — don't force one way or the other.

The media have created an entire worldview of "people as germs" — don't give in to their lies and propaganda. Perfectly healthy people walking around and going about their lives (meaning no masks or genetically poisonous vaccines) would result in the same thing we had for hundreds of years prior... or does anyone remember that we've lived with diseases as bad and worse than covid FOREVER without ever having the government tyrannize us in order to survive.

Deny politicians all right to tell people what to do with their health, it's none of their business.

Vote YES on the mini-initiative to ban discriminatory mandates that have been destroying local jobs, businesse	es, and
lives.	

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Subject

Anti-mask foolishness

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I am very disturbed that our Clark County Council is even considering blocking state and federal mandates for Covid spread prevention. Public officials should not allow fringe political pressure and rabid threats to interfere with the duty that they accepted to protect public health. There is absolute certainty with this virus and future variants. It is a killer. It has infected over 72,000,000 Americans we know of, and it has killed at least 870,837 of those. The only rational approach now is to follow the advice of medical experts and rely on the emerging science as we learn it.

I have no more patience for idiotic anti-public health behaviors. Along with rights come responsibilities. As citizens in a shared community, we have a duty to protect each other. We don't allow people to drive the wrong way on a freeway, beat their kids, defecate in the street, shoot someone's dog or run around naked. Why would we be influenced by irrational rants about the "rights and freedoms" of a person who doesn't care about anyone's health, including their own? Those with concerns only for their wants, needs and comforts are too infantile in their demands to contemplate seriously. Yes, I am name-calling, because we need to call these people out for what they are. Anti-social and dangerous.

Please do not let ignorance and selfishness trump our public responsibility to protect all life, even the young,

autoimmune suppressed, infirm and elderly. It is with great hope that I encourage you, as public servants, to do your
duty to continue to protect our public health.

With sincere gratitude for your service,

Elizabeth Madrigal, Ridgefield resident

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Name

Vanessa Huffman

Subject

MANDATES PETITION

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Please defend Constitutional freedoms and the citizens of Clark County from vaccine mandates that force people out of their jobs because of something that is or is not in their bloodstream.

Children have been forced to mask, with masks that now the CDC say are not effective, yet their rights are violated and there hasn't been due process. To force someone to wear a mask is treating them as infected, by doing this they are being denied due process privileges.

There are NO Covid laws on the books, therefore, this ordinance does not violate ANY existing Covid laws.

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Name

Doug Kobilan

Subject

Stop the mandates

Date of Hearing

Wed, 02/02/2022

Comment

Stop the discrimination through mandates. This is supposed to be America. Not Nazi Germany.

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Name

Katherine Coker

Subject

Mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Stop all DISCRIMINATORY mandates, the ordinance doesn't call to end all mandates, only those that discriminate based on someones medical health status, violates private medical health info or does not honor health, religious or moral objector in an equitable manner.

Councilors took an oath to uphold the State & US Constitutions. They did NOT take an oath to defend mandates that discriminate. I'm looking into surety bonds! Someone has to hold you all accountable!

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Name

michelle wagner

Subject

Ordinance regarding Mask and Vaccine Mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

- + Please vote "Yes" and incorporate the Mask and Vaccine Mandate Petition when presented to you.
- + Vote for Freedom of Choice when making your decision in regards to Masks and Vaccine Mandates.
- + Allow Clark County residents to chose for themselves whether or not they want to wear masks and get vaccinated. Residents now have the tools in the form of masks, vaccines & boosters to protect themselves. It is not scientific to "treat" and encumber an entire population for a virus that poses little to no risk to them.
- + Please consider the national, world and science data that supports treating at risk populations versus the entirety of the population.

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Name

Brandon

Subject

Stop all discriminating mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I encourage council members to adopt the mini petition to stop all mandates that discriminate based on someones medical health status, violates private medical health info or does not honor health, religious or moral objector in an equitable manner.

In listening to the BOH meeting 1/26/2022 local hospital executives go out of there way to diminish effectiveness of pharmaceuticals such as HCQ and Ivermectin while boosting the use of remdesivir. One should ask what the reimbursements are for remdesivir and more importantly what the effectiveness of using remdesivir is in treating Covid. If you go to clinicaltrials gov you can read studies on Ivermectin compared to HCQ.

Local health officials repeatedly note the dangers of HCQ and Ivermectin and the increased calls to poision control. This is not hard to do when the adverse effects are remarkably low for the billions of doses of Ivermectin used worldwide. When we talk about misinformation look no further than Dr. Lee talking about the case of the patient who ended up in a hospital for 9 days after taking 'cattle paste'. They speak about it as if there is not even a human formulation available. Additionally, they fail to consider how many of these cases reported to poison control had active Covid and whether or not it was Covid, not Ivermectin resulting in the symptoms they presented with. Also, how would they differentiate whether the side of effects were from Covid or an individual taking Ivermectin as many of the symptoms mentioned could also be and usually are similar symptoms to Covid.

When you look at reimbursements healthcare facilities receive for using remdesivir it becomes quite clear why they push remdesivir. Furthermore, how often does a patient present with a non-Covid reported ailment and then test

positive subsequently. How much more does a healthcare facility make for a Covid patient with co-morbidities compared to just a Covid case?

With regards effectiveness of Ivermectin and remdesivir I would encourage you to go to clinicaltrials.gov and determine for yourself if the studies show remdesivir is any more effective than Ivermectin. I would argue no, and maybe less effective. Now remdesivir will be provided as outpatient. Dr. Melnick and his staff have no interest in any therapeutics to support the immune system. It is vaccine or bust.

After months of these efforts and cases higher than they ever have been it is clear that vaccines do not provide as much benefit and a majority of the population has natural immunity. But yet, still no mention of natural immunity. Almost as if they are afraid of it.

They say they operate based on scientific evidence. Every person I know, knows somebody who has effectively treated this virus with Ivermectin. Natural immunity does matter and does provide substantial protection. Dr. Melnick and local health officials are not operating in good faith and they are only willing to share one option for treatment.

I would ask that you allow the citizens of Clark County to make their own decisions. With a majority of the population in Clark County vaccinated and cases over the past month seemingly equaling the same amount of cases from the entire pandemic prior it is very telling that their ideas for treating this virus are not successful. So why would you allow mandates on something that doesn't work. Let the people make their own decisions. Let us take that risk. I urge you to support the petition to ban any discriminatory mandates. Public health policy is tearing our community apart and cases are soaring as we have been doing the same thing, and not just experiencing the same result.. it has substantially worsened. It is clear at this point we cannot test and vaccinate our way out of this.

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Name

Marilyn Roggenkamp

Subject

STOP ALL DISCRIMINATING COVID mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Please defend Constitutional freedoms and the citizens of Clark County from vaccine mandates that force people out of their jobs. Families should have the right to choose what is best for their own family - not a government edict.

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Name

Jennie

Subject

Vote Yes!!!

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Please vote Yes on the ordinance & Stop all DISCRIMINATORY mandates. The ordinance doesn't call to end all mandates, only those that discriminate based on someones medical health status, violates private medical health info or does not honor health, religious or moral objector in an equitable manner.

You Councilors took an oath to uphold the State & US Constitutions. You did NOT take an oath to defend mandates that discriminate.

Please defend Constitutional freedoms and the citizens of Clark County from vaccine mandates that force people out of their jobs because of something that is or is not in their bloodstream.

Children have been forced to mask, with masks that now the CDC say are not effective, yet their rights are violated and there hasn't been due process. To force someone to wear a mask is treating them as infected, by doing this they are being denied due process privileges.

There are NO Covid laws on the books, therefore, this ordinance does not violate ANY existing Covid laws. Please vote Yes and stop what is happening today!!! Discrimination is never ok Covid or not!

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Name

Linda Lin

Subject

Yes to petition for medical freedom

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

You know that our constitution protects our right of health choices and medical freedom. We have right to choose what to put on and into our bodies. Masks and vaccine mandates deprive of our human right and have caused many people losing their job or unable to get a new job as well as many mental or physical health issues. Therefore, we desperately need your support to ban all the mandates that discriminate. Please vote Yes to pass the petition for Clark County medical freedom.

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Name

Thomas Casey

Subject

Mini Initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I still believe that non vaccinated people are still human beings, that deserve the same rights as all Americans. Those who support these mandates clearly think they are truly better humans and need to punish the unwashed bad people.

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Name

Joshua

Subject

Say YES to petition to end discriminatory mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

The "safety" and/or "health" of individuals when it comes to viruses that have a 99% survival rates is the responsibility of individuals and their families - Not the government.

The discrimination against people who have pushed passed propaganda and made informed decisions to avoid poisoning themselves with so called "Covid vaccines" must Stop. The damage to children done by forcing them to wear masks must be stopped.

Think of Nazi Germany and the horrific crimes committed, especially against the Jews, in the name of "public health/safety". Think of Soviet Russia and communist China and the tens of millions of innocent citizens abused and killed by those governments.

In enacting this ordinance you are placing one more wall of defense against the people of Clark County and similar evils.

Pass the petition against unscientific and downright pointless mandates that discriminate against people based upon personal health choices.

Give businesses even more room to defend themselves and their employees from the evil overreach of governor Inslee and his ilk.

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Name

Dana Nelson

Subject

Mini Initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Please Vote Yes!

Stop the discrimination against our children, stop covering their faces and causing depression. No more mandates!

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Please defend Constitutional freedoms and the citizens of Clark County from vaccine mandates that force people out of their jobs because of something that is or is not in their bloodstream.

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Name

Jeremy VanGelder

Subject

Vote Yes on Ordinance Against Discriminating Mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Too many Clark County residents have been forced between their health and their job. Vote yes on this ordinance against discriminating mandates and let our people breathe the free air again.

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Name

Stephanie

Subject

Stop all DISCRIMINATORY mandate

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

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Name

Mickey Madewell

Subject

Discriminating Covid mandates

Date of Hearing

Wed, 01/26/2022

Comment

Stop all DISCRIMINATING Mandatory Covid Mandates. We are intelligent people more than capable to make decisions regarding our own health and our families. We do not need a government telling us what is best for us. We take necessary precautions to keep safe without destroying our lives. Our children need to be children. I keep hearing it's for the children it's for the children. No it's not we are doing more harm to our children that can even be known. Let people get back to living their lives, taking precautions as deemed necessary, and go about our lives. Helping to get rid of depression drug addiction and obesity. Enough is enough. The government has proven that they are not doing it right especially with all the outbreaks. Let this run its course, get rid of the mask's, getting rid of the restrictions, and let us move on with our lives. And especially for the children.

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Name

Thomas Casey

Subject

Mini Initiative

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Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Watching business's suffer because of bad policy, like the bogus health mandates ruin our state, is maddening. these mandates are OTHERING our fellow Americans. They are making a lower class citizen. Do not let this continue.

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Name

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Subject

Stop mandates!!!!

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

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Martha E. Evans 509 N.W. Overlook Drive Vancouver, WA 98665 503-347-1734

January 21, 2022

To: Clark Count Councilors Eileen Quiring O'Brien, Julie Olson, Karen Dill Bowerman, Gary Medvigy and Temple Lentz

Re: Feb. 1st Discussion of Mini Initiative Prohibiting Mandates in Clark County

Please vote NO on the the Ordinance to make illegal masks and vaccine mandates in our county. The timing of the mini-initiative and corresponding Ordinance could not be worse! Clark County hospitals are full, our medical professionals are stressed to the breaking point and there is no end in sight to our current spiking Covid positivity rates. But if the Clark County charter forces the Council to entertain this ill-advised Ordinance, I am writing as a Clark County citizen to make my views known.

Please reject this proposed Ordinance for the following reasons:

the Town

- (1) The proposed Ordinance contradicts Washington state and federal guidelines. If the Council passes it, in the short term it will create confusion and hardship. In the longer term it will cost our county dollars. Why waste taxpayer dollars on attorney and legal fees by asking to be sued by the State of Washington, health organizations, private businesses, and Clark County citizens? And why put at risk the receipt of much-needed state and federal funding and relief money that our county is currently are receiving, or might have already spent? Don't waste taxpayer dollars!
- (2) The requested ordinance infringes on rights of Clark County citizens and organizations. It removes the right of private citizens' and organizations to act in the best interests of their customers or employees. Further, it sets businesses and non-profits up for conflict and expensive lawsuits since it would not be possible to follow the Ordinance without violating state and federal rules and guidelines.
- (3) Such an Ordinance would create additional conflict and doubt within the medical community at a time when they should be laser-focused on helping our sickest citizens. No doctor, nurse, hospital administrator or any institution dedicated to healing the sick should be asked to decide whether to follow county or state rules.

I could enumerate other reasons this Ordinance is a terrible idea, but I will stop there. As a law-abiding, taxpaying citizen of Clark County since 1984, I ask the Clark County Council to do the right thing and vote NO on this ill-timed and unhelpful Ordinance.

Sincerely,

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Subject

Initiative prohibiting vaccine mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

During a public health crisis that has taken the lives of over 800,000 Americans, we are all together in the fight against this disease. Mini-initiative 2021-1-MI (Ordinance prohibiting vaccine mandates) should not be enacted for the following reasons:

- 1. There are several factually incorrect statements in the initiative. For example, it is not a violation of HIPAA to provide your own medical information to anyone (it would only be a violation if a medical professional provided it to a third party). Another example: the Pfizer covid-19 vaccine has been approved by the FDA for ages 16 and above (it is no longer under emergency authorization for this group). If the people writing and signing this initiative do not even have the basic facts correct, the initiative should be immediately disregarded.
- 2. A mandate that requires citizens to get a vaccine to protect their health and the health of others in the community is not "discrimination". The vaccine is readily available to anyone over the age of 5; no one is being forced to take the vaccine. However, for the health and safety of all of us, those who choose not to take advantage of this amazing feat of science may have to pay the consequences of not being able to participate fully in society.
- 3. Most adults in Clark County are vaccinated. A small vocal minority of citizens who aren't vaccinated should not hold the rest of us hostage while they allow this virus to continue to mutate and spread.

- 4. While vaccinations aren't perfect, there are many, many studies that show the majority of patients hospitalized with COVID are unvaccinated. Because of the rising hospitalization rate, elective surgeries have been cancelled. ERs are full and there are stories of inadequate care for other life-threatening emergencies.
- 5. While my husband and I used to go out to restaurants and movies frequently, we rarely do this anymore in Clark County, because we don't know whether the people around us are vaccinated. We are more likely to go to restaurants in Portland that require vaccination cards. I think there are many people like us that would frequent Clark County establishments if they required vaccinations and enforced masks.
- 6. Finally, there are many children under the age of 5 who can't be vaccinated and immunocompromised people for whom the vaccine does not work well. People who choose to expose others because they are too selfish to just slap on a high quality mask and get a little poke in the arm are especially endangering these people's lives (I'm one of them). I do want to add that I realize there are a small minority of people who cannot get a covid vaccine for medical reasons. Obviously, there should be an exception for this small group.

Thank you.

Karen Beall

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Subject

Mini-Initiative to Make Mask and Vaccine Rules Illegal

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Greetings Clark County Councilors,

I'm contacting you regarding the Mini-Initiative to Make Mask and Vaccine Rules Illegal. The recent (1/20/22) Councilor Facebook post is very disappointing. It not only ignored the concerns of the 11,505 Clark County citizens who signed the petition, but implied unsubstantiated concerns about losing state and federal funding. Let's face it, the mandates are not working and if you part out the facts about effective allocation of funds, (e.g., COVID-19 relief), businesses, services, families well-being, schools, and medical care continues to decline. This Petition opposes any mandates that violate basic constitutional rights and discriminates based on one's medical health status or violates the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA). Demanding that persons divulge their personal information discriminates against them based on their perceived medical status, in contravention of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC § 121112(a).

Vaccinations have played and continue to play an important role in public health, however the COVID-19 vaccines are still under Emergency Use Authorization (EAU) and comprehensive clinical trials or studies have not been completed. Every person must have sufficient evidence to make an informed consent without deceit, duress, overreaching and

never be coerced by threat of losing one's job, access to services, and freedoms to travel as protected by the Nuremberg Code 1947, the Washington State and the United States Constitution(s).

It's disheartening to witness the divisiveness of our nation, over the COVID-19 vaccines and how its traumatized millions of Americans. Why is the government so anxious to have us roll up our sleeves? This mRNA technology has NOT been used on humans before and that alone should cause us all to pause. Nationally, Washington State ranks towards the bottom regarding its COVID-19 policy-making decisions. We are now approaching 24 months under Governor Inslee's emergency ruling. We are a democracy and should not be operating under one-person control, especially for so long. The role of the state government is to protect the health and welfare of its residents. We are not experiencing a pandemic, but an epidemic.

The results of these mandates are nothing short of chaos and economic collapse. They create discrimination, hurt businesses, and only benefit a few, (e.g., Big Pharma and Big Tech). Please stand for personal choice, don't concede to tyrannical pressure to impose these unnecessary mandates.

Regards,	
Mary Torjusen	

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Name

Misty

Subject

One size fits all mandates NEED TO GO

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Happy hump day!

I'm a 20 year veteran of our USAF, and a 10 year veteran of the local emergency rooms.

Thanks to these one size DOES NOT FIT ALL mandates, I've been released of my life's purpose of caring for people on the worst day of their lives. Oh and, I've had to make the hardest decision of my life to no longer serve this country, with it's day to day discriminatory changes to policy, NOT LAW, which call me a threat to readiness.

Readiness. I know you won't bother to read the pages and pages I could include on how readiness is worse now than it has been in my 20+ year career, because of these illegal, discriminatory, and satanic mandates. So what I'll say instead is that the picture is so much larger than our Clark County, but you have have an opportunity to set the example, to show how people can CHOOSE to take care of themselves the way they INDIVIDUALLY need to without stealing away everything that makes Americans proud to be Americans. Make a change here. Be the example.

Please vote down these mandates, pass the petition, and allow people to get back to taking care of themselves and their families.

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Submitted on Wed, 01/26/2022 - 8:59 AM

Name

Joshua Wood

Subject

Re: Mini-Initiative Petition Proposal No. 2021-1-MI

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I'm writing to urge the Clark County councilors to OPPOSE a mini-initiative that would prohibit local health mandates and endanger public health, which it is the government's duty and function to protect. If enacted, the ordinance would put Clark County in conflict with state and federal law, risking the county's eligibility for state and federal funding. We must base our decisions on scientific data and established public health protocols—not paranoia and disinformation. There is a well-established precedent for mandates during public health emergencies. History and the law agree: individuals do not have a right to tyrannize their fellow citizens by defying common sense and common decency.

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Name

Sabrina Kneipp

Subject

COVID Policy

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Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I am strongly against the new policy trying to be passed about making it illegal to enforce vaccine and mask mandates. I hope that the council represents the majority of people in Clark county who are striving to keep others safe with vaccines and masking policies. As an educator I feel very thankful that those mandates are in place. I am around so many individuals in a day. Without the mandates I would not feel safe in my place of work. I live with an immune compromised partner who I need to protect. So many do their part to ensure that others are safe and the spread is slowed. Please keep encouraging others to get vaccinated and wear a mask in public. Those who do not, have made their choice and it is theirs to make. Our community should encourage and enforce the best policies in keeping everyone safe including our most vulnerable.

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Subject

mini-init 2021 -1-MI

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Comment

I strongly oppose the aims of mini-initiative 2021-1-MI and any resulting ordinance which makes illegal or places obstacle in the way of common-sense public health measures such as wearing respiratory coverings (masks) and vaccinations. Sound, tried-and-true public health management is about saving lives and preserving quality of life as well as re-opening as many aspects of our world as soon as possible.

The words freedom and liberty are often used. I urge Council to consider the freedom to live in a community that together support public health for all Clark County residents by leaving to most effective public health tools in the hands of our public health team and our local and regional medical and healthcare professionals.

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Subject

Keep Mask Mandate

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

As much as I would love for masks to be gone, I am a teacher, and not all of my students are vaccinated. Having no masks puts me at risk and all of the kids at risk of getting Covid. We have already had so many kids and teachers gone because of Covid because of Winter Break and everyone seeing family and friends without masks. That was an eye opener of what we would have had going on prior to winter break had we not been in masks at school! Without masks they would have to close schools completely and kids NEED to be in school! Please KEEP MASKS to keep everyone safe!

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Subject

Mini ordinance

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Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Please vote NO on the mini-initiative. Vote NO to making mask mandates illegal. Public health comes first in a global pandemic. This initiative violates state and federal law and the Board of Health directions. It puts state and federal funds for our county at risk. This affects my life, my family's life, and the stores and businesses I want to frequent. Vote this ridiculous initiative down.

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Name

Misty

Subject

Passing Mini Petition To Prohibit Discrimination in CC

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Good evening Clark County Council members,

Please pass the mini Petition.

I believe it's blatantly obvious at the 2+ year mark that those who want to be vax'd and who want to wear masks have done so and continue to do so.

CCPH reports daily that numbers still continue to climb because Omnicron doesn't care if your vax'd nine times or no times, and if you wear a mask always or never.

It's time for you all to demonstrate that the peoples right to support their families, maintain their mental health, and not add to our already despicable homeless crisis, is of significant importance to you.

Prohibiting discrimination does not mean that those who want to wear a mask and who want to get vaccinated can't still do so. Live in a bubble if that's what you choose, but let everybody live, in the way our freedoms were designed.

No illness, no medication, no treatment is one size fits all and always gonna work the same way for every person.

Stop the discrimination!

Pass the initiative and let's get back to treating everyone with respect and allowing one another to make decisions that

are best for ourselves and our children.	
God bless you all.	

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Subject

Initiative to Make Mask and Vaccine Rules Illegal

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/22/2022

Comment

I am writing in opposition of the Mini-Initiative to make Health Mandates to stop COVID-19 from spreading. I struggle to find any reasonable support for such a proposal, since we know that the vaccinations and the wearing of quality masks stop the spread of COVID-19, stops people from dying, and stops our hospitals from being overwhelmed by sick people; most of whom are those who refuse to follow the health guidelines of the CDC.

One argument that I have heard is for personal freedom, one of the cherished values of our nation.

In thinking of a reply to those who lift personal freedom as justification for putting the healthy of others at grace risk, I thought of my mother who lived in London, England during the bombings of World War II. When the German bombers were approaching Great Britain everyone turned out all their lights in their homes. All the lights of the villages, towns, and cities were turned off.

Just imagine someone in town deciding that they wanted to express their personal freedom by turning on their lights. The entire town would be leveled.

How do people not see that we are not just individuals with rights, we are a nation, a state, and a county with responsibilities to one another?

I urge the Clark County Council members to reject this mini-initiative. We are at a point where we may be able to

overcome COVID 19. We are in an "all hands on deck" time in this country.

Using the laws, our common sense, and our deep care for one another, regardless of our personal disagreements, I urge the Clark County Council members to take a stand for the benefit of all our citizens, children, teachers, parents, and health care workers.

Thank you.

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Subject

Mini anti mask and anti vaccine mandate

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

If the County Council passes this mandate, businesses all over the county will be in violation of state law which could potentially cost thousands of dollars in taxes. Additionally, this mini mandate flouts public health but that's the point. We need to take care of each other and this mini mandate does the opposite of that.

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To: Tina Redline

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Date: January 25, 2022 at 7:59:54 AM PST **To:** rebecca.messinger@clark.wa.gov

Subject: Mask/ vaccines

I believe the guidance from the Health Department needs to be followed. The county SHOULD NOT pass a mandate against masks and vaccinations.

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Subject

mini initiative prohibiting mandates in Clark County

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I ask that the Clark County councilors support science and WA state and CDC public health guidelines in regards to covid and not pass a mini initiative on 2/1/22 that would try and prohibit mask mandates and vaccine mandates in the state of WA. Passing this ordinance would continue the pollicization of public health and result in more covid deaths, long term covid, continue the need to limit life saving and preventative health procedures due to not enough health care staff and further limit our ability to open up and keep open our schools and economy. Do we want to be Idaho who has reinstated crisis levels of care again after stopping them in December. In our county and world wide people have died because the health system could not keep up with demand. Treatable heart attacks and infections have caused death due to lack of hospital beds and fear of going to the ER during Covid-19. I have friends who have had total knee replacements and other procedures delayed now for two years to help maintain hospital capacity for all serious ilnesses. Outpatient procedures like breast biopsies after an abnormal mammograms or colonoscopies to follow up on colon cancer have also been delayed right here in Clark County WA. These delays have caused stress for those affected but not as much stress as losing a loved one to Covid. Studies have shown that the Covid 19 vaccine plus booster have protected by 90% vs the nvaccinated

county in my own circle of friends.

We need to continue all efforts to control covid and not go backwards as help is on the way. Life saving oral medication is being manufactured now after recently being approved by the FDA that can be given to people at high risk for covid hospitalization. Long covid affects 1 in 7 people right now. Studies I hope are evaluating if the same medication can prevent or lessen long covid. Immunizations for children less than 5 years old should be approved by the FDA soon. It maybe as Israel has done we need to get a 4th covid booster to lessen covid severe outcomes and to lower hospitalizations. In our county the Covid 19 vaccines have lowered the risk of death and hospitalization by 90% vs the unvaccinated. Covid 19 is indeed now a deadly disease primarily in the unvaccinated.

Please respect the science and save lives by helping increase the vaccination rate to >75% for all eligible residents instead of sabotaging efforts to do so for a false political gain; I want WA state to be on the map as only one other state is to have achieved this. We need help to explain why the covid booster is important, why the vaccines are safe and how states with vaccine and mask mandates have increased the vaccination status and the wearing of masks. I recall the mask mandate was lifted for a bit last summer and we had surging cases from the delta variant. Please ask the Clark County Public Health and WA state to publish how our state is faring in overall covid deaths and infections vs other states with no mask and vaccine mandates. We can get on the other side of this horrible and painful Covid epidemic only if we all work to protect each other and support our health care workers so we do not have to go to crisis levels of care. We don't know yet how covid in the future will cause long term affects so now is not the time to see just live with it like the flu.

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Subject

Proposed ordinance making mask/vaccine mandates illegal

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I strongly OPPOSE the proposed ordinance that would render mask and vaccine mandates illegal in Clark County, WA. For the sake of all Clark County citizens, we must abide by these mandates. How else will we ever get this pandemic under control and return to normalcy? It's a matter of caring about the safety and well-being of everyone else in our community, not just our personal freedom. DO NOT pass this proposed ordinance, which also conflicts with state and federal law.

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Subject

Mini-initiative to make mandatory masking and vaccination illegal

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

This proposed ordinance would put all of our lives in danger! It also is against state and federal law. Do not approve it!

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Rebecca Messinger

From: Maureen Baker <maurebak@comcast.net>

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To:Rebecca MessingerSubject:Mask/ vaccines

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I believe the guidance from the Health Department needs to be followed. The county SHOULD NOT pass a mandate against masks and vaccinations. Maureen Baker

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Subject

opposed to making mask and vaccine mandates illegal

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

We are all tired of the Covid-19 pandemic, but no one is more tired of it than the stressed healthcare workers who must treat people who become very ill because they refuse a vaccine to improve their immune response or refuse commonsense precautions like wearing an effective face mask to prevent catching or transmitting the virus. When those who have not taken precautions crowd our medical system, they limit healthcare access of people whose pain and suffering would be relieved by elective surgeries or other medical procedures. Catching covid-19 and going to the hospital increases healthcare costs for all of us. Folks, the EASY way to beat this pandemic and open up our community is to get vaccinated and wear a mask. The HARD way is to always have your demand for personal freedom rule over making minor sacrifices for the greater good of our community.

Conservative media and politicians are using the pandemic to scare people and get them angry to unite people against Democrats who want to follow established norms for dealing with a new virus that has already sickened and killed too many Clark County citizens. They are creating their "alternative facts" to question the effectiveness of the vaccines and of masking. But more than half the country agrees with the standard vaccine measures we have used to combat polio, measles, mumps, pneumonia and other illnesses. If you stay within your media bubble, you will not see any information to consider whether you are being manipulated and turned against many of your neighbors and your community. It is wrong and even unpatriotic to slander our governor and leaders outside your party for trying his best to save lives, prevent illness and disability.

Wearing a medical mask is common sense. You won't easily catch or transmit a virus with one well fitted over your nose and mouth. Taking a vaccine whose technology is the triumph of 60 years of scientific innovation is less risky than catching covid-19 or giving it to vulnerable others. Ask people you know who have been vaccinated. How are you feeling? Most of us will tell you that we suffered no more adverse effects than when taking any other vaccine, and large-scale studies support this. Most of us will tell you that we have either not caught covid-19 or if we did, it didn't put us in the hospital, even if we are old or vulnerable.

Don't let yourself be manipulated with false information or fear. For people of faith and who love our country, don't give in to hatred when love will bring us together. Question anyone who wants to make you hate or fight your fellow citizens. We are in this together. Let's beat covid the easy way. Let's vote out of office any politician who wants your vote more than they want to beat a disease that does not care about politics.

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Subject

Mask Mandated

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Clark County is not an island to its own! We must follow all state and federal mandates if we are ever going to get rid of this virus. I believe vaccinations and PPE are the best way to irradiate this disease. Too many people in this county making what should be common sense into something political. I urge you to please not pass this mini initiative!

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Subject

Mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 01/25/2022

Comment

To All the Clark County Council Board Members,

The truth about masks and vaccines is being exposed. We know that the federal government has paid you with large amounts of money to enforce their tyrannical mandates on our children and communities. We live in a free country, where We The People pay your salary for our representation. We are not being represented. These board meetings need to be opened to the public. We stand with you and support you in doing the right thing. Please stop the mandates!!!

Respectfully,

Erika Reagor

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Subject

Do not remove the mask and vaccine mandate

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Working in Healthcare, I have seen the effects of what not masking and not vaccinating has done to our community. So many lives have been affected and lost over misinformation. If we remove the mask and vaccine mandate we will lose so many more lives. The mask and vaccine mandates are not there to infringe on people's freedoms. By not complying with mask and vaccine mandates, those individuals are infringing on others freedom and rights to be alive! We can save lives, believe in and follow science. Our community needs to stand together and not make this about themselves.

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Subject

Petition against public health related mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Public health and safety are the responsibilities of all, and mandates are a necessary tool, especially necessary during a pandemic where disease is spread primarily through airborne transmission. The idea that this council is being asked to mandate an anti-mandate that would negate the possibility of utilizing measures necessary for public health and safety is absurd and antithetical to the very mission of public health and safety. This is not an issue which hinges on freedom or individual rights; we all breathe the same air and, as such, masking is a simple, effective safety measure in public spaces, especially indoor spaces.

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Subject

Covid 19 ordinance

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

The presented ordinance pertaining to Covid should not be approved. Mask and vaccine mandates are necessary for community public health. Local ordinances related to Covid should not be in opposition to science based actions required to maintain the safety of the community at large.

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Subject

Mask and vaccine mandate

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I have been a Microbiologist for 30 years - both a researcher and a Professor. I firmly believe that public health should be the top priority for government with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic. The inability for government to institute mask and vaccine mandates removes a critical weapon in the fight to defeat this virus, and can therefore lead to tragic consequences for the public.

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Subject

Mini-Initiative prohibiting mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

As an employee who works face-to-face with many people in my job as a teacher, I oppose the petition's proposed ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of vaccination status. As with many other potentially lethal diseases (smallpox, measles, tuberculosis, etc.), the CDC approved vaccinations offer substantial protection from the Covid-19 virus. They have been tested. I support my employer's right to require students and co-workers to be vaccinated to enter the workplace. If future experimentation guarantees that prior exposure to the virus confers immunity to future variants, then it would be appropriate to allow testing for immunity as an alternative to vaccination, but we are not there yet. Moreover, passing this ordinance would put the County in violation of state law, risking fines and certainly causing confusion. Please oppose this proposed ordinance.

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Subject

Mini-Initiative Petition

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I am writing in opposition to the Mini-Initiative prohibiting mandates in Clark County. This initiative is ill conceived in that it threatens the property rights of individuals, local businesses, and local government jurisdictions. The threat of penalties that have nothing to do with the proposed prohibited mandates is a perfect example of the type of government overreach that the initiative purports to be wrong.

I am in the planning stages for a bazaar that will be hosted by a local organization and open to the general public. If this initiative goes through we will need to cancel our bazaar. This overly broad mini-initiative includes all restrictions, including face coverings. Our membership is older and we cannot risk their health if we cannot require masks for all attendees. Cancellation of this event affects income of those participants who run businesses as well as providing an opportunity for our members to gather in an environment that provides a degree of personal safety. Their freedom to congregate is affected if they cannot mandate certain requirements for in person gatherings.

The mandates that are currently in effect are emergency measures and are based on science. They will be lifted when the science provides a path to removal. There is no "sunset" clause in the anti-mandate initiative and, thus, no recognition that businesses, government entities, and organizations may need to establish measures in the future to provide protections for either their employees or patrons. It is an overly broad and overly restrictive measure and

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Subject

Impropriety of a council member

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I want to voice my opinion on two things. One, I want to say that I am for the mini initiative. I am an adult with a disability that prohibits me from wearing a mask. I am discriminated against often. To the point where I have panic attacks just going to the grocery store. I mostly stay home now as a direct result. The discrimination has to stop! Number two, I want to voice my concern about council member Temple Lentz. Since when is it appropriate for a council member to voice their personal opinion on a hearing that hasn't even happened yet? And post a public video full of fear mongering to agitate a negative response before the council has been able to meet regarding the mini initiative. I would like a response to my comment so that I know if there is a formal complaint I can make in regards to this wreckless council members actions.

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Subject

Vaccine petition

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I signed and support the anti vaccine and mask petition. It has become apparent worldwide that the vaccines and masks offer no protection. Science and statistics support that finding, and actually prove them harmful. 12 of our states have already removed the mandates, and many European countries have abolished their mandates, and there are more to follow. There is no need to further restrict citizens of this city, and the state for that matter, from this overstepping of authority. This mandate has caused businesses to fail, resulting in employees losing their source of income. Look at the situation our medical field is in. Crime has increased because of Law Enforcement officers having to make the decision whether to be vaccinated or leave the force. Could it be that Vancouver residents, who were law abiding, are now turning to crime as a way to feed and house their families? Our children have suffered too from the mandate. They have become, in some cases, withdrawn, depressed, and sometimes even suicidal. Losing friends because of being quarantined, having schools closed and being educated thru Zoom. Isolated from friends and activities. That is not how children should spend their lives. I could go on, but I'm sure you have heard many stories. This petition was signed by Vancouver residents. It makes no difference what race, age, gender, parent or not, it was signed by people tired of this charade. People tired of the loss of their voice, and of their freedom.

So I ask you to support the petition. Don't let Vancouver decay like Seattle has. When I moved here it was because I saw

a vibrant city, nice communities, and people that were friendly towards each other. Far different than where I came from. Please keep Vancouver the same as I remember it, Thank you.

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Subject

Masks in schools

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Facts matter. Masks matter. Protect our children! https://www.abc12.com/coronavirus/university-of-michigan-study-shows-mask-mandates-at-schools-show-lower-covid-transmission-rates/article_9dfcd525-94d5-50cb-9b00-ac1c2171d7fe.html

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Anti-Mask Mini-Initiative Petition

Date of Hearing

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Comment

I strongly oppose this initiative, as a fervent Christian who listens to Jesus' commands to love our neighbor as themselves and to lay down our "rights" to serve others. This overarching desire for freedom does not trump our responsibility toward our fellow man and caring for them. There is nothing about discriminatory or unjust about requiring a piece of clothing to enter or work in a business. I am and have been horrified by the self-centeredness of individuals who claim freedom as their one and only mandate in life. Please do not approve this petition.

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Subject

No mandates petition hearing

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Dear councillors, I sincerely and urgently request that you'll pass a no mandate ruling in our county, concerning covid 19 vaccinations, passports, mask wearing. Especially no such mandates for children and young adults! These measures have proven ineffective, (see current spread of covid, by BOTH vaxed and not vaxed people). These experimental vaccines, have harmed thousands of people and CHILDREN. People, such as myself, have the right to decide which vaccine I get and which I don't, as it's always been. I've heard one of our WA state health advisory committee, compare his experience with chicken pox, before vaccines were available, to extremely traumatic experience. I've myself experienced both covid and chicken pox and I remember all three incidents (covid twice) clearly. When there is an actual vaccine developed without negative effects, that actually works for years and years, having the FREE option to take it, is great. The same free choice, no pressure, should be for these covid vaccines and other measures. We each of us live our own lives, it's not governments place to compell our medical choices. Please focus on important things, on solving homelessness, safety in our community from vandalism and robbery, encourage small business to succeed, build off leash dog parks, create open spaces for our communities to gather and enjoy, Ensure children have good school choices, where they actually learn fundamental skills in person.

Thank you for listening; and I pray, you choose freedom for Clark county residents, over oppression! Tzila Rozdilski.

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Clark county anti mask and vaccine initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

To the Clark county council -

I wanted to add my voice to the mini that are very concerned about this mini initiative coming up for our county this February. Not only does it completely compromise our public health and hospital capacity needs, it also compromises our ability to make decisions as individuals. I know there are many in our county that are concerned about government overreach and this initiative is the a pitta me of just that. Also, it puts us in direct violation of state and federal law which would lead to difficult situations for us financially and logistically. Please add my voice to those who are absolutely opposed to this initiative. I am a healthcare worker and an immunosuppressed kidney transplant patient. This initiative very directly and personally affects me and my family. Please reach out if you need any further comment from me.

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Subject

Mini Initiative Re: Mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

The initiative attempting to be passed is, itself, full of false information.

According to both federal and state law, health status is not a protected class. Therfore, discrimination as defined in this proposed ordinance has no legal bearing.

The accusations that Governor Jay Inslee does not have legal authority to require the Covid-19 vaccine for various groups is false and shows a lack of understanding of how government works. The power to do this was granted via the legislature in RCW 43.06.220

State of emergency—Powers of governor pursuant to proclamation. Mandates hold the same weight and power as laws until such a time as the legislature establishes a law that overrides the mandate.

Studies continue to show that vaccination against Covid-19 gives more predictable and durable protection, and lowers the risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death of infected with Covid-19 versus acquiring the disease itself. Our hospitals and clinics are reaching a breaking point, dangerously close to implementing crisis standards of care. This will not only affect those who are in need of hospital care for Covid-19, but for all emergency care needed in the county for any health issue.

This ordinance also states that Covid-19 vaccine has not completed clinical trials and is still under Emergency Use Authorization. While Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen are still under EUA, Pfizer has full FDA approval for 16+ as of August 23, 2021. All three have completed clinical trials needed for FDA approval. Some will argue about Phase IV of clinical trials must be completed, but that has never been the case for use of any vaccine or pharmaceutical medication. And, as a further point, no vaccine has been proven to have long term side effects after 6-8 weeks. Vaccines elicit an immune response without the risks associated with the disease and then they leave the body. Again, this proposed ordinance is including false information.

Moving on, asking someone to disclose their vaccination status is not a violation of HIPAA. This, again, shows a lack of understanding. HIPAA protects healthcare providers from sharing your health information without your consent or knowledge. It does not prohibit any business, organization, or person from asking you to provide that information. Even then, you do not have to share it. That is your choice, but you may not like the consequences.

Private businesses are legally allowed to decide who they will employ and the conditions of that employment and who they will do business with so long as it does not discriminate against protected classes per state and federal law. Vaccination status is not a protected class.

It is disheartening to see an ordinance attempting to be passed in our county that is littered with misinformation, disinformation, and an obvious lack of understanding of both government and public health. With less than 12,000 signatures in a county with over 500,000 residents, this is a small minority attempting to continue an attack on the public health of our community.

Please listen to scientific consensus on how we can move forward instead of the outliers who confirm your biases. The health and well being of our community depend on it.

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Banning vax/mask mandates -geez DON'T

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Do not put this thing to a vote. #1 I realize we can disagree. #2 I realize some are scared. #3 I realize information sources can mislead people with false information. So I don't hate or demonize people who don't want a vax. Wish they did, but that's just not the case with some folks.

However, what is the case is that your job is to keep us safe. I'm old. My grandson is in his first year of teaching. My DIL is a nurse at the hospital. We are constantly aware that despite getting vaxed and boosted, we could get this virus. Where they work, it would be ridiculously unsafe without vax and masking.

If this mini-initiative passed, we could be subject to far more exposure. My husband is older and in a wheelchair. He had a TBI and survived, but is not in the best of shape. Don't make our lives harder.

Thanks,

Jan Verrinder

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Subject

Mask & Vaccination Mandates Should Remain Legal

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Indoor mask and vaccination mandates hurt nobody. Lack of mandates hurt many. Millions of people in this world have no idea where their next sip of pure water will come from. Yet in this county a minority of people are disturbed by simple pieces of cloth and proven vaccines. Outrageous. Refusal of those people to help eradicate COVID by easy cooperation has led to prolongation of the pandemic, and that affects everyone. I support indoor mask and vax mandates when Science determines them to be necessary. We either do, or we do not, live in community. Choose community!

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Masking requirement

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

While I respect and honor the freedom our democracy stands for, and that people want the freedom to choose their own health priorities, I would like to disagree with the no-masking requirement.

My husband has had two heart transplants and takes medications that keep his body from rejecting his heart. This means his immune system is lowered, not functioning as well as other people's. Though he is fully vaccinated and boosted, he could still get the coronavirus and possibly become quite sick, perhaps die, while others might simply get symptoms of a cold.

For people who are not in danger of dying, it does seem like wearing a mask is taking away their freedom.

But for people like my husband, people not wearing a mask is possibly taking away his life.

We are rarely going inside any building that isn't our home. I wish everyone would be required to wear a mask inside a building. As scientists learn more and more about the virus and its variations, we are learning that masking isn't needed much outside. I am fine with people being unmasked outside. But please, couldn't people look beyond themselves to hoping to help others who might be in danger from the virus?

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2021-1-MI

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I oppose the passing of Inititive 2021-1-MI. Public health policies are made to protect and value the lives of people who are at risk of illness, disability, and death. Removing those policies violates our right to life and liberty. It is ableist descrimination. I live with an immune disorder, and my life is at risk from Covid-19. Everyone in my household has made great sacrifices to protect my health. I expect my community to act with regard and care for the lives of those who live here, not to threaten and segregate based on health status. Removing the public health policies for vaccination and masks hurts the disabled, the elderly, and those with medical conditions. It only protects the privilege of the ablebodied. Wearing a mask and getting a vaccine is a choice, having a medical condition is not. Those who will not comply deserve the consequences of their choice. I do not deserve illness or death because of their choice. I ask the council to protect our communities, to act with care and regard for the lives of Clark County residents, and dismiss Initiative 2021-1-MI. Thank you.

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Name

Julie Hutchins

Subject

Mask and vaccine mandate

Date of Hearing

Wed, 02/02/2022

Comment

I am firmly against this initiative that is pandering to a vocal, extreme minority. [Not even 2.2% of the county's population signed the petition.] Vaccines and masks have been scientifically proven to protect against the impact and spread of this deadly disease. Please listen to the advice of educated professionals Dr. Melnick and Dr. Fauci, and completely reject this inflammatory initiative.

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Name

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Subject

Covid Anti Mitigation Proposal

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Any healthy civil society's number one priority is caring for it's most vulnerable. By stripping away all coordinated response to the pandemic, we abandon our most vulnerable and leave them to their own devices - making their lives a never ending game of Russian roulette - and decreasing their overall quality of life.

Masks, distancing, and vaccines are effective tools to mitigate the effects of this disease on our most vulnerable and our national community as a whole while we continue to search for better avenues of treatment.

I strongly object - and reject - this idea that one person's choice to infect everyone around them is more important than protecting the health of our community as a whole.

I urge the council to reject such a proposal.

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Mask and vaccine mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Please DO NOT support this mini initiative. It is not based on science. Listen to Dr Melnick. Listen to Dr Faucci. We are not out of the pandemic yet and need to still wear masks (preferably KN95 or N95) when in public and get vaccinated. Don't listen to a vocal minority in the county. 11,000 signatures are on this initiative. That is 2% of our population. Almost 70% of the population have received at least one dose of the vaccine while 62% are fully vaccinated so why would you listent to such a small group? Our health care workers and teachers need us to help stop the spread. Masks and vaccines do that. Don't ignore the science. With freedom comes responsibility and it is our responsibility to look out for others who can't be vaccinated. Source of vaccine data: https://covidactnow.org/us/washington-wa/county/clark_county/?s=28371717

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Mask and Vaccine Mandates Initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I would like to state that I support mask and vaccine mandates for public institutions and private businesses. I am distressed that my concerns for not just myself, but others in my community who will suffer in the event that this is not enforced. There are many vulnerable individuals in our community who need to be protected. If we all wear masks and vaccinate this will be accomplished. I find it absurd that there are those who feel that having the vaccine means putting dangerous substances in their body when there is the presence of an extremely contagious virus. If you get omicron and fail to wear a mask, you are putting a dangerous substance into the bodies of all those you come in contact with. Those who flagrantly feel that their rights mean they can jeopardize the rights of others, that is the right to feel safe to go to school, to the grocery store, or anywhere else by not wear a mask or vaccinating, should not be able to then turn around and say they won't vaccinate because it is potentially harmful. over 850,000 have died in America from COVID 19.

Almost no one has died from the vaccine. Please ensure that the mask and vaccine mandates stay in place. Please ensure the safety of those in our community who are vulnerable and need our help to stay safe.

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Mini initiative on masks

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Hi, I run a small contracting company here in Clark County. I have to require my employees to wear some kinds of PPE to keep from getting shut down by OSHA or LNI, including dust masks for grinding, sanding and fumes. Please don't put me in the situation of having to choose whether to require PPE and break county law, or not require it and risk getting shut down or sued. It's small businesses like me that'll get hurt the worst.

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Anti-mask/vaccine mandate initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I am writing as a resident of Vancouver and as a working parent. My 3 year old, the only member of our family who is not yet vaccinated against Covid-19, recently contracted the coronavirus at her daycare. Were it not for our ability and choice to be vaccinated, my husband, older child, and I would likely have caught Covid-19 and would have been at greater chance for hospitalization and severe illness. We continue to wear masks and social distance even with our vaccinations as there are those in our community who are at higher risk and/or cannot be vaccinated. This is the socially responsible thing to do, but not all in our community are thinking of the greater good of their neighbors. We are in the midst of a surge of new cases, with a highly contagious variant affecting our ability to work, travel, and send our children to school safely. Why in the world would we think now is the time to choose to throw up our hands and give up on these precautions? I understand that there are valid concerns about vaccines mandates (I do not understand the concerns about mask wearing for adults, though). However, this initiative would put Clark County at odds with state and federal law. Not only would we signal that we give up the fight against a contagious disease, we would put ourselves at a completely unnecessary risk of legal implications. I urge the council to vote against the anti-mask/anti-vaccine mandate initiative.

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Mini-initiative on mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

This initiative itself IS government overreach. It severely limits my ability to go anywhere in our county safely. It punishes those who care about safety. And it would cost SO MUCH MONEY. As taxpayers, our money has much more important places to go. Eileen's feelings might be hurt if she is expected to wear a mask. Her arm may hurt a little if she needs to get vaccinated to keep a job. But people ARE dying from COVID. Safety precautions save lives. Do I not have a right to live? Please get your selfish politicking off my health and safety and do NOT pass this mini-initiative.

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Against Mini-initiative number 2021-1-MI

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

The information contained in this mini-initiative is completely false. Mask mandated PROTECT Americans with disabilities. Masks protect people who are immune compromised. Masks are absolutely essential currently for our society in Clark County to function with even a small hint of normalcy. I ask that you vote against this initiative and maintain current mask mandates that are in compliance with state mandates.

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Name

Susan Saul

Subject

Mini-Initiative Petition No. 2021-1-MI

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I oppose the adoption of the requested ordinance for the following reasons:

1. This proposed ordinance poses a serious health and safety risk for everyone in Clark County. Even if someone does not care about their own health, getting vaccinated protects the people around them, particularly people at increased risk of severe illness due to COVID-19. That includes my friends with compromised immune systems due to cancer and rheumatoid arthritis drug treatments. Other causes of compromised immune systems include smoking, alcohol, HIV-AIDS, stem cell and organ transplants, and age.

Pope Francis called getting vaccinated a "moral obligation" (January 10, 2022) and denounced how people have been swayed by "baseless information" to refuse one of the most effective measures to save lives. He said individuals have responsibility to care for themselves "and this translates into respect for the health of those around us."

2. The proposed ordinance is based on faulty rationale, including that people who have had COVID-19 are protected by "natural immunity" and do not need the vaccine. Natural immunity does wane over time, however, and the level of protection from having COVID-19 may vary depending on how mild or severe the illness was. Vaccines can provide added protection for people who already had COVID-19, and COVID-19 vaccines are safe. Millions of people, including myself, have been vaccinated without any ill effects. The Pfizer BioNTech vaccine has had full Food and Drug Administration approval since August 23, 2021, so the argument that vaccines are experimental due to the Emergency Use Authorization is false.

- 3. The proposed ordinance wants mask requirements abolished, posing another serious health risk. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends masks, however, for the general public. For people who are fully vaccinated and are in an area with a high number of new COVID-19 cases, the CDC recommends wearing a mask indoors in public and outdoors in crowded areas or when in close contact with unvaccinated people. A study of a COVID-19 outbreak aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, an environment notable for congregate living quarters and close working environments, found that use of face coverings on-board was associated with a 70% reduced risk of contracting COVID-19.
- 4. The proposed ordinance could cost the county a considerable amount of money. Federal and state funds would be jeopardized and grant money would be lost. Loss of funding could result in a layoff of county employees and decreased county services.
- 5. The proposed ordinance, if adopted, could place the county in jeopardy of legal action from the state as well as private citizens. Defending the county against lawsuits could cost substantial taxpayer money and county resources.

I urge you to vote against adoption of the requested ordinance.

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Mini-initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

This mini-initiative banning public health mandates to prevent the passage of Covid-19 viruses is fairly ridiculous.

It is like telling us that we should not have any recourse if someone in front of us in a line at a cafeteria decided to spit in the soup kettle we had just ordered a serving from. It is the same thing because Covid-19 is air-borne and when you cough or sneeze or even just talk or breathe you are creating an aerosol of spit and mucus for those around where you were to suck in or breathe in (within 6 feet of where you were for at least five minutes.)

Now, I for one, would prefer the council members not spit in my soup.

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Martha E. Evans 509 N.W. Overlook Drive Vancouver, WA 98665 503-347-1734

January 21, 2022

To: Clark County Councilors Eileen Quiring O'Brien, Julie Olson, Karen Dill Bowerman, Gary Medvigy and Temple Lentz

Re: Feb. 1st Discussion of Mini Initiative Prohibiting Mandates in Clark County

Please vote NO on the the Ordinance to make illegal masks and vaccine mandates in our county. The timing of the mini-initiative and corresponding Ordinance could not be worse! Clark County hospitals are full, our medical professionals are stressed to the breaking point and there is no end in sight to our current spiking Covid positivity rates. But if the Clark County charter forces the Council to entertain this ill-advised Ordinance, I am writing as a Clark County citizen to make my views known.

Please reject this proposed Ordinance for the following reasons:

- (1) The proposed Ordinance contradicts Washington state and federal guidelines. If the Council passes it, in the short term it will create confusion and hardship. In the longer term it will cost our county dollars. Why waste taxpayer dollars on attorney and legal fees by asking to be sued by the State of Washington, health organizations, private businesses, and Clark County citizens? And why put at risk the receipt of much-needed state and federal funding and relief money that our county is currently are receiving, or might have already spent? Don't waste taxpayer dollars!
- (2) The requested ordinance infringes on rights of Clark County citizens and organizations. It removes the right of private citizens' and organizations to act in the best interests of their customers or employees. Further, it sets businesses and non-profits up for conflict and expensive lawsuits since it would not be possible to follow the Ordinance without violating state and federal rules and guidelines.
- (3) Such an Ordinance would create additional conflict and doubt within the medical community at a time when they should be laser-focused on helping our sickest citizens. No doctor, nurse, hospital administrator or any institution dedicated to healing the sick should be asked to decide whether to follow county or state rules.

I could enumerate other reasons this Ordinance is a terrible idea, but I will stop there. As a law-abiding, taxpaying citizen of Clark County since 1984, I ask the Clark County Council to do the right thing and vote NO on this ill-timed and unhelpful Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Martha E. Evans

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Mask/ Vaccine Mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

It is absurd that banning these mandates is being considered. This is not about "taking away freedoms", but about protecting our community. Vaccines and mask wearing are the best weapons we have to fight the spread of covid and it's varients. It should NOT be people who are not scientists or medical professionals making these choices. Certain individuals on the council like to flaunt misinformation and conspiracy theories. It needs to stop. This initive is a farce, and should be stopped and rebuked by all members.

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Subject

mask and vaccine mandates mini-initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Councillors,

I am asking to reject the mask and vaccine mandates mini-initiative. This initiative would place the county at serious legal risk if enacted. By willfully ignoring state and federal law the county could be forced to funds received from those agencies. Additionally, all business should be able to decide for themselves how they want to conduct business on their own private property. If you claim to believe in free enterprise allow businesses to choose how they want to operate. This initiative would take that choice away from our local small businesses. In order to protect the citizens and businesses of Clark County please reject this initiative.

Thanks for your time.

Kyle Potter

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Subject

Mandates

Date of Hearing

Sat, 01/15/2022

Comment

Mask and vaccine mandates should absolutely be illegal. As US citizen I should have the right to wear or not wear something on my body and have authority about what I put into it.

If someone else wants to wear a mask then they should have that that right as well. Freedom of choice!

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Mini-initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Wow. This mini-initiative sounds to me like a herculean effort to twist an idea that's intended to be helpful, the idea of equality and not being mean to people just because they're "different" and twisting that to now stand for allowing a few people who belong to one political party and hold anti-mask anti-vaccine views to put many other people at physical risk without any ability on anyone's part to stop the potential harm. Almost sounds like you're saying you won't allow any response at all - from government, from business people, from anyone - to those who threaten public health and safety. Would shouting fire in a crowded theater - even when there's no blaze - now be accepted? Permitting people to cause harm to other people - i.e. allowing the shouting of false fire claims, allowing the waving of a gun or freely permitting a virus to circulate is a behavioral choice. We can discriminate against types of behavior. That kind of discrimination is not the same as discrimination against a person on the basis of their skin color, sexual orientation, gender, religion or physical disability.

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Subject

mini-initiative on masks and vaccine mandates

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Good evening,

I am not going to even engage with the public health ramifications of what this initiative proposes, but instead focus on the financial consequences of acting on this. It could be catastrophic for the county and it's residents if you do this. You cannot supersede state law. We are all frustrated with how long this pandemic has lasted and the toll it has taken on everyone, but I assure you, getting the County into deep financial trouble and on-going lawsuits is not the way out. I am begging Councillor Medvigy in particular to please see the consequences of acting on this initiative and to please not support it.

With regards,

Kelsey Potter

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Subject

Hearing on Mini-Initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Dear Council Members:

The subject and contents of the Mini-Initiative is on it's face irresponsible to the public good. It focuses attention on a minority of individuals who oppose the wearing of masks and vaccinations, asking that the majority be subjected to a situation that violates their rights to stay safe and secure during the COVID "pandemic". COVID is a disease that can cause serious illness, long lasting effects--including lung damage--and death. The majority of people in this county are vaccinated. The majority wear masks. Individuals have businesses have a right to want to keep their employees and the public at large safe from disease that has such ill effects. Individuals who do not wear masks or choose not to get vaccinated are subjecting the majority to the ill effects of this disease and, should they contact it, their family and friends. Those who refuse to take such safe guards do not know that a person they encounter may have a child or adult at home who are immune compromised, unable to develop antibodies, or who have compromised health problems, like asthma, overweight (yes, overweight is a major cause for hospitalization), COPD, old age, for example. Should that person bring whom this now highly contagious variant of Omicron, they are quite possibly dooming that family to the death of a loved one. Death of a loved versus someone who wants to not take precautions because of their "right" to not wear a mask, seems unconscionable. The public good must be protected above a handful of people who are only

self-motivated to their individual perceived right to violate that principle. You, as Council Members, must maintain the rights of the public and maintain the public's good! Anything other than a resounding NO puts a minority opinion above the majority of citizens of Clark County's desire to maintain and protect the health of others. Personally, I am 71 and have asthma. Because I may encounter one of these individuals and have during shopping I have for almost 2 years maintained social distance and not shopped at stores. I rely on deliveries and stores that will load my car. I am tired of this virus, tired of people who do not care about me and those I love. I am tired of hearing about "their rights to not wear a mask" when they could transmit the virus to me and those I care for. My partner in life has COPD. Do I bring home that virus and possibly land that person in the hospital to die so someone cannot wear a mask? I don't think so, so I do all I can to insure they stay healthy. Those who would limit individuals and businesses from mandating public safety so I and my partner are safe from a disease that can easily kill us have no rights at all. In my opinion their personal desires are based on misguided notions, misguided information and a selfish imposing sense of importance. Their opinions and desires do not overshadow mine, and mine sit with the majority of citizens in this county. And, beyond the individual, passing such an ordinance insures our hospitals will continue to be overrun with ill and dying persons with this disease. Our doctors, nurses, LVNs, orderlies, all administrative staff face daily overwhelming conditions to help those who suffer the overwhelming effects of this disease. Currently 639 people have died from this disease, 16 more over the past week. That is 639 funerals. 639 families morning the loss of someone they cared for. 639 people no longer working, saying hello to their friends. 639 people, some of whom may have encountered one person who decided that a vaccination or wearing a mask didn't matter. Even if that scenario happened one time. Is that person's right to not wear a mask overshadow the death and loss that occurred because they didn't? I think not. So for the public good, for my safety, for all the hospital staff who are working so very hard, and to save the grief of a family and friends from loss, VOTE NO. Thank you for doing so and upholding the moral good and the "public's" health.

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2021-1-MI

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I urge you to vote no on this anti-mask and anti-vaccine mandate. The public health of Clark County is fragile enough because of the covid pandemic without such ill-written and possibly illegal ordinances such as this one. To bring such an ordinance to be voted on in the County Council is frivolous and merely takes up time from issues the Council can legally decide. While conservatives decry governmental overreach, this ordinance would in fact tell businesses, non-profits, even schools and health care facilities, etc. that they cannot require masking. That is, in my opinion, a huge overreach right there.

Vote no on this issue.

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Do not listen to ideologues asking us to violate state and federal law

Date of Hearing

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Comment

Making a decision to go against masking during some of the worst time of the pandemic is beyond foolish. Not to mention it jeopardizes every resident both pro and against masks as state & federal funding will stop. Does the county want to lose ARPA funding? The county is set to receive 47.35 million dollars from ARPA alone. How about funding for everything else? The 2022 budget shows a baseline revenue of 638 million. How much is received from outside of our county taxes to fund this? All county budgets will have to be dramatically slashed and essential services will disappear. It is disgusting this council would even consider this action. Shame on you! That fact that it takes money to make you think about this is something I will never forget. I am disgusted by this council for even considering this. This is clearly not what the charter is meant for. We cannot say that just because I could gather signatures to say it is county law to wear your shoes on the wrong feet, we should therefore consider it. Or what about this? I'm sure I could find people who think that methamphetamines should be legalized for personal use in our county. Sign it and bring it to council to vote on even if it violates federal law? Come on! Shame on you and these ideologues for abusing our county.

These same ideologues that want freedom and are asking it to be illegal to make even PRIVATE businesses mandate

masks in THEIR property is asinine. These are the same people who want rule of law and supporting police even officer
that do wrong. Yet they want us as a county to break state and federal laws. I

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Proposed Mini-Initiative

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Councilors, I oppose the mini-initiative that would "prohibit all mandates within Clark County that discriminates against a citizen's health status and or health information privacy." Besides containing language so vague that accurate interpretation is impossible, it puts our private businesses, public schools, and government agencies at risk for violating state and Federal law when it comes to public health protections during this pandemic. Federal funds could be withheld to agencies who ignore state and Federal mandates that are needed to protect the public health and safety. Vote NO on this harmful mini-initiative.

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Ordinance about mask wearing

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

The initiative that would make vaccine and mask mandates illegal in our community is dangerous and ridiculous. The effects of this ordinance would cause unnecessary harm to Vancouver citizens, businesses, and community centers. By not promoting common sense vaccine and mask laws many more of the vulnerable people in the community will be exposed to Covid19. I'm sure it would have an economic impact as federal and state support would be withdrawn. It is obvious that vaccines work and masks offer a level of protection. Our freedom is not compromised by either one. Do not allow this misguided and fear-driven ordinance to have any place in Vancouver. Thank you for your time.

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Don't cave to the anti-mask and anti-vaxx kooks

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Dear Council Members,

I heard there is a mini initiative written by people who are against taking measures to ensure public health during the ongoing covid pandemic. Since they wish to endanger the community, I assume ill will on their part.

Our county currently has over 2,000 cases per 100,000 population each day—a wildly high rate—and that is *with* some measures in place (such as mask wearing) and almost 70% vaccination rate.

Covid is not "disappearing like a miracle," so we must all work together to reduce the spread the best we can. Please don't cater to the reckless among us. We all deserve to be protected, which means we must all participate in protecting each other.

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Hearing on Mini-Initiative prohibiting mandates in Clark County

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Clark County has spent enough of my taxpayer dollars defending poor public policy in court. This initiative will be struck down in court at taxpayer expense to appease a small group of whiny anti-science, anti-medicine activists. Look at the rest of the world and how masking and getting vaccinations is preventing death and disability. Clark County is a disgrace at how poorly we are managing this disease. Our hospitals are nearly full again, we have known that wearing protective masks such as KN95 and N95 would be more protective for well over a year. Now the unvaccinated and the unmasked among us have allowed a variant as transmissible as measles to overtake humanity here and in many communities throughout the country. Those who are vaccinated are experiencing very mild symptoms and not being hospitalized while the unvaccinated continue to die needlessly. All because Donald Trump and his followers want the Democrats to fail. That is a weak reason to pretend that doctors don't know what they are doing, or that they are wrong when they gain new information and share it, or that new variants of viruses won't change things. I have had colds in my life, and a few months later I would get another cold especially when I was a child in school or when my children were going to school. Like a cold virus, we can catch this again and again. It's quite simple. And yes the immunity from vaccines does wear off just like the immunity from a cold. Scientists have learned a lot about this rather new virus in the past 2 years and continue to study it thankfully. My son-in-law is among those, currently a medical student. I trust science and I trust

doctors and I want my county counsel to listen to them instead of the angry voices of the uneducated. PS My nephew is deaf because of an alternative medicine practitioner who did not send a little child with meningitis straight to the hospital. These people are dangerous.

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No more mandates!

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Hi,

I'm writing to comment on this meeting and would like these comments to stand in perpetuity for ALL meetings related to COVID-19. Do NOT make masks permanent! In fact, they should be a free unfettered CHOICE and businesses, as well as, employers should NOT be allowed to FORCE people to wear them. Do NOT FORCE the COVID-19 vaccines for ANYONE, EVER, regardless of AGE! Do NOT require any COVID-19 or FLU SHOTS for school (not at ANY level of schooling, not in pre-schools through universities)! Do NOT institute vaccine passports, EVER! NO to ALL this medical tyranny! The UK intelligently just DROPPED ALL the mandates for the United Kingdom! BRAVO! The rest of the World NEEDS to and MUST follow suit! Staff shortages are directly due to the illogical firing/suspending of workers who chose not to be vaccinated for COVID-19. The Supreme Court struck down the vaccine mandates, which should speak volumes. Unfortunately, they did not apply the same rule of law to our healthcare workers, which is a huge FAILURE on their part. My heart aches for how our healthcare workers went from being heroes to now zeroes thanks to the appalling ruling on the CMS mandates for healthcare workers. BOTH decisions ought to have UNANIMOUSLY BLOCKED ALL COVID-19 vaccine, and COVID-19 testing mandates for ALL, regardless of profession! The COVID-19 vaccines NEITHER STOP

transmission NOR STOP contraction of the virus! REHIRE/UNSUSPEND the unvaccinated workers and schools and healthcare will no longer be running threadbare. Again, END vaccine mandates, END mask mandates, and END any discussion (and/or thoughts) of vaccine passports! END the FARCE and END the TYRANNY, NOW and FOREVER! These comments stand forever and in perpetuity in regard to this and ALL personal medical decisions!

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Mini-Initiative On Mandates Against Vaccine & Mask Ordinance

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

Discrimination is unfair or unequal treatment of an individual (or group) based on certain characteristics that are primarily outside of the individual's control to change such as age, disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, and sexual orientation. Immunization status is fully within the control of the individual, but they choose to avoid vaccination and choose to keep their unvaccinated status a secret from others who might have a serious vested interest in knowing that status (immunocompromised persons). It is not discrimination to deny such individuals access to public spaces but rather the consequences for that individual's poor choice in not getting vaccinated - businesses have the right to refuse services as long as it does not infringe on federal or state discrimination laws. To my knowledge, immunization status has not been added to the discrimination laws as of January 2022.

A government's role is to help citizens make good choices for themselves, the community, and society at large by providing information, based on facts and evidence to allow citizens to make INFORMED decisions for themselves and their families. Governments have no role in shielding citizens from the negative consequences resulting from ignoring facts and evidence in favor of listening to and acting on false and misleading information from questionable sources such as appear in the text of nearly every alarmist paragraph of this ordinance. I am providing this testimony against the

passage of this ordinance.			

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Mini Initiative RE: Masks and vaccinations

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Comment

I oppose the Mini-initiative. Please vote NO.

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SUPPORT PUBLIC HEALTH

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

A small, loud, vocal, and narcissistic minority wants to eliminate vaccine and public health mandates.

If this is passed by the County Council expensive litigation will happen, as well as loss of outside funding.

Stop the insanity. The County Council should not be mandating ANYTHING contrary to public health, INCLUDING banning mask and vaccine mandates.

If so-called County Council Chair Eileen Quiring Qutub O'Brien I-Don't-Know-What, "Karen" Bowerman, and Gary Medvigy can't serve the people by helping protect their health, and by not opening the door to further expensive litigation caused by Republican malfeasance, they should immediately resign. And if any of them don't like the wording of this comment, perhaps they should consider why they need to act on narcissistic ideology instead of actually helping the community.

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Mask Mandate

Date of Hearing

Tue, 02/01/2022

Comment

I am opposed to all of these mandates being done to make people feel good when they do nothing but infringe on personal freedom and individuality. I think if a person believes a mask will help protect them in public from a respiratory virus, then they can wear a mask. I think one size fits all policies are ruining this county and state.

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mask Mandates

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Comment

While I respect the right of people to "mask up" should they choose it is a big step towards government control. Very dangerous. I am amazed that people accept, without real science, that a mask will stop any virus. The states that ban this are also those with the least problems around this. Also their economies are growing while this state is become a good example when people obey like sheep.

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Mini-initiative on banning health mandates

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Comment

I realize signatures were gathered to shove this bizarre and dangerous mini-initiative through. I urge the County Council to follow practices that will protect our citizens of Clark County, which includes following mandates imposed for our own benefit where applicable! This is absurd to create such a ban when we have no crystal ball to see where this pandemic will turn next! Do these initiative backers assure us that this pandemic is over and there will never be another one? These knee-jerk, anti-government actions have got to be stopped! That includes statements and actions taken by our Clark County Council that are not in our best interests! Hopefully, state law and common sense will over-ride in this instance!

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Subject

Vote against the ban on mask and vaccine mandates

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Comment

Please do not vote to ban mask and vaccine mandates. That does not mean we need the mandates now (but we really do), but if the next variant is more contagious or more virulent, it may become nessisary.

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