

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Regarding the pending vote on mandatory face coverings, I am writing to express my desire that you vote in favor of making it a legal requirement to wear a face covering when outside in the city of Los Angeles. We are in the midst of a pandemic and this is an effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19. In a perfect world, people would take steps to protect others rather than just themselves. Unfortunately, we aren't at that point. Laws are needed.

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**Name:** Catherine

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Fact is, COVID-19 testing and tracing are nowhere near adequate currently. Look at the huge limitations of the current antibody tests, rife with inaccuracies. That means a lot of asymptomatic COVID-19 carriers haven't been tested and traced and are shedding virus without even knowing it. The purpose of the mask-wearing requirement is to shield OTHER people from getting the virus while everyone is out & about conducting business, visiting essential businesses, and exercising outdoors. Think about all those elderly citizens, diabetics, cancer survivors, cancer patients, high-risk pregnant women, kids battling leukemia & brain tumors, etc. who have to go out & keep their necessary medical appointments. EQUALLY IMPORTANTLY, think about all those people who have zero pre-existing medical conditions but who nonetheless may wind up on ventilators and die from COVID-19, as there have been plenty of those cases as well around the nation. If asymptomatic carriers don't wear masks while out & about, then they are exposing EVERYONE ELSE to the virus. All those who protest that this requirement results in a loss of "liberty" and the imposition of "tyranny" are spewing meaningless, grossly if not criminally reckless propaganda. They are only in it for "freedom without consequences." Please do not give in to those people; by doing so, you are placing so many Angelenos' lives at risk of grave danger. We are talking about life & death here, LA City Council! The point is we have to curb the spread of the virus, and requiring people to wear masks protects other people they come into contact with at a time when testing & tracing fall woefully short.