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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote YES to make wearing a mask when outside the home a temporary requirement. One of the costs of living in a civilized society is participation in health and safety regulations that safeguard the welfare of ourselves and others. Requiring people to wear a mask during this time is no different than requiring them to stop at stop signs or not to consume alcohol when driving. It is something we all need to do to ensure the safety of ourselves and others. Our personal rights are important...but our personal rights do not include actions that jeopardize others. People who do not wear masks are not jeopardizing their own health...they are putting everyone else at risk of illness or death. That is not a decision they should be allowed to make. Requirements and consequences need to be clear. From personal observation, currently 8 out of 10 people in my neighborhood, walking/running/biking/driving with their windows down, are not wearing a mask. Even though they have been 'asked' to. Areas of required wear need to be clear. Just because they are 'in their own neighborhood' does not mean that they are not exhaling. Many parts of Los Angeles have high density housing, recreation, shopping, etc. We cannot get away from each other. What starts out as a walk around the block inevitably includes passing others. The runner on the sidewalk could be puffing their aerosols into open windows often close to that sidewalk. Something as simple as putting on a mask, that can help stop the spread of this disease, deserves real consideration. Please vote YES to a temporary requirement to wear masks when outside the home. Thank you.