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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(6) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: Community Impact Statement CF 21-0878 Oppose The Wilmington Neighborhood Council had previously submitted a Community Impact Statement on this issue, however, a draft version of our Community Impact Statement was submitted in error and not the final version that we voted on. Attached please find the correct version.



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Community Impact Statement

CF 21-0878 Oppose

Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS on CF 21-0878 ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION relative to adding Article 10 to Chapter XX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require proof of full vaccination with a COVID-19 vaccine to enter certain indoor public locations, large events, and City buildings.

WE CANNOT SUPPORT THIS MANDATE. WE SAY ABSOLUTELY NO TO THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

The City Charter affords the local Neighborhood Council Body to advocate for their community thereby, giving their community a voice. We are an officially recognized advisory body that is part of the Los Angeles Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils. We are the City Entities that are the eyes, ears, and voice for the communities and stakeholders we represent. It is our responsibility to advocate for and represent our community's needs.

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council discussed this topic in an open meeting and voted to approve sending this letter. **WE OPPOSE THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

- People who are vaccinated can still get COVID and possibly unknowingly spread it because the symptoms are mild.
- Having a vaccine card does not guarantee you will not spread COVID to others.
- There are individuals who became ill with COVID-19, and they must wait 3 months after recovery before they can be vaccinated; during which time they have natural immunity from becoming ill. Will they not be allowed entrance to local businesses for following the CDC orders?
- Everyone has been affected by this global pandemic and we want people to be safe. We support all who have chosen to get the vaccination; however, it is not right to impose a mandate that infringes on our constitutional rights and freedoms even though this has been a declared emergency. We cannot support taking away liberties and freedoms that are sacrosanct to the very fabric of our society especially in an already marginalized community such as ours. Wilmington has a high rate of minorities and people of color. We are a blue-collar community with no hospital and approximately 25% of our community is without benefit of the internet. We are marginalized when it comes to COVID-19 resources. A large part of our community cannot just look up information on COVID 19 on the internet nor can they just go downtown to a

hospital. They must use other resources like going to a local clinic or pharmacy. These are things that will be prohibited under the new order and may also cause many of our stakeholders to lose their livelihoods. To further marginalize this community without first addressing our needs for resources is not in our community's best interest.

- We know that other countries, states, and cities are NOT passing "ORDERS" such as these. They have managed to keep their folks safe and COVID cases are lower than ours.
- The current vaccines and booster were designed to prevent the 2020 COVID virus and appear to have little to no protection against the delta variant prevalent in 2021.
- The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have more reported adverse reactions as reported on the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting Site than all other vaccines combined for the past 10 years. These adverse reactions include heart attacks, heart inflammation (especially in children), reduced fertility, and death. The risk to persons less than 20 years old from the vaccines is much higher than the risk from COVID.
- The proposed order is discriminatory against people whose religious values and medical reservations against this experimental vaccine would be violated by it. Furthermore, it harms small businesses that have already been hurt by open/close protocols.
- The city has not given a blueprint as to how and who will enforce this mandate. The recent assaults in New York to employees who attempted to enforce this mandate on their employers behalf show that the safety of employees is now at risk by being made de-facto law enforcement officers without training or the ability to place violent offenders under arrest.
- This "ORDER" by LA City Council is an overreach of power. We are American citizens and should be able to enter a public business without showing papers. We cannot support a business that treats patrons this way due to a city "ORDER" of control. We must all be able to engage in all activities.
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We cannot support this mandate at this time. We say ABSOLUTELY NO to this proposed ordinance.

This motion passed at a Special Meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council on Monday, 10/05/2021, by a vote count of 06yes, 01 No, 00 abstain, and 00 absent.

Respectfully,



Gina Martinez, Chair

On behalf of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council