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Two years ago, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19, the disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2, a pandemic. The City of Los Angeles declared a local State of Emergency shortly after, and over the course of the next two years, the City adopted emergency protective measures for the safety and benefit of the public and its own employees. One of these actions was the City of LA COVID-19 employee vaccination mandate, adopted in the Fall of 2021.

The employee vaccine mandate was adopted during the surge of the Delta variant. It was presented as a necessary tool to protect the City's workforce and the public that it serves. However, much has changed in the nearly six months since the mandate went into effect.

Today, the County and City recently announced measures that have initiated the unwinding process of the protective measures implemented during the height of the pandemic. For example, lifting the indoor mask mandate and consideration of removing components of the vaccination verification mandate.

In the ever-changing climate that the COVID-19 pandemic presents to us, it is vital that we frequently review and re-assess the emergency measures that we put into effect. Those that are no longer benefiting the City, and in fact - may be posing a detriment - need to be reconsidered and ultimately lifted.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and the City Attorney be requested to report on the feasibility and impacts of rescinding the city employee vaccine mandate.

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