

Dear Council Members,

I ask you to vote “no” on the proposed resolution for a “vaccine passport”.

I commend you to date for the way in which you have handled this pandemic. I have been grateful to be a part of this community because you have been cautious yet reasonable in helping us manage this unprecedented situation. As a result of your leadership, Montgomery County is one of the most vaccinated counties in the country and our schools have remained opened.

The residents of Montgomery County have done everything you’ve asked for thus far. And yet now you want to force us (for apparently an indefinite amount of time) to share private medical information with random strangers just to enjoy simple pleasures like getting a sandwich or going to the gym. The last two years have been heart breaking and distressing enough without adding another layer to our frustration.

Everyone is vaccinated where I work, however several of my colleagues still came down with COVID. Also, you can clearly see that cities that have adopted a vaccine passport have nothing to show for it: the COVID cases in NYC have only continued to rise despite their increasingly authoritarian measures.

The fact is that this virus is not going away. I would therefore urge you to focus instead on shoring up our hospitals, increasing access to testing, and expanding access to early treatment options.

Thank you and kind regards,

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