

From: Ms. Dolly Durham, Montgomery County Resident, and USA Citizen

To: Montgomery County Council

Re: Input for County Council Deliberations Surrounding Vaccine Mandates for the County

Main Concern:

Regarding the County Council meetings of last week (Jan 18<sup>th</sup>) and this week (Jan 25<sup>th</sup>), and future sessions, I ask the Council to take consideration regarding the percentage of the population who are not considered good candidates, or qualified candidates for the covid vaccine, especially individuals who are considered a high risk for serious and/or long-term adverse outcomes should they take the vaccine. I don't recall the percentage, but I believe that percentage of the population is between 10-19% of the overall population.

Should the Council determine a need for vaccine mandates "for all", without consideration and/or means for this small population, it may appear to be mandating either potential harm to these individuals by enforcing them to receive the vaccine (though against better judgement), or mandating this small population receive penalty (punishments) for their medical conditions that make them a poor candidate for the mandated vaccines. Either of these scenarios may be considered uncaring, at the least, harmful, or potentially unethical mandates.

My Input:

I am contacting the Council, because I have not heard from anyone, anywhere, what this small population of people, *[those who are poor candidates for the vaccine with a potential high risk of adverse outcomes should they take the vaccine]*, are to do with "vaccine mandates".

My family of almost 30 members is a fairly good overall representation of just about every: age, personal beliefs and actions, as well as medical considerations surrounding the topic of covid vaccines.

In my family, there are 2 members who are not good candidates for the vaccine, and have had serious outcomes from previous vaccines. Even after being medically assessed, even speaking with NIH, the vaccine is either not recommended, or have been informed they have an approximate 80% chance of serious, and even long-term adverse outcome should they take the vaccine. Just one (of several) concerns is allergies to the ingredients of PEG or polysorbate. These members of my family represent a percentage of the vast population on this matter. Therefore, I ask the Council to take this matter into consideration when deliberating about "vaccine mandates".

My Family Covid Experiences:

Regardless of my personal views about covid and vaccines, it is important for the Council to understand my family experience with Covid and Vaccines. Prior to vaccines, my brother-in-laws nephew died of covid, and my brother almost died from covid. So my family takes the Covid pandemic very seriously.

Since September 1<sup>st</sup>, my family has had 9 members come down with Covid. Only 2 of those members were NOT vaccinated. Out of the 7 members fully vaccinated, only 50% had cold-like symptoms. The remaining 5 members suffered the following: one could not get out of bed for 10 days; one had extreme flu-like symptoms; one was very sick for 30 days with strength & blood pressure not returned to normal until 40 days, one was very sick and on day 32 hospitalized in ICU and now has serious and most likely permanent damages, and one is currently in ICU with Dr's stating not expected to live. **And all of these ARE fully vaccinated.**

So it doesn't matter what the news reports say, what is reported as data or not; as for my family it is quite apparent the vaccines are not working. But as I originally stated, regardless of my personal views, I respect what the Council determines. I only ask that the Council take into consideration during their deliberations on vaccine mandates, that there is a percentage of the population who are poor candidates for the vaccine. I do not think it is prudent to mandate vaccines for this percentage of the population knowing the mandate could cause them harm. Nor do I think it prudent to penalize/punish these individuals because of their medical conditions make them a poor candidate.

Thank you kindly for listening, considering, and for taking your time to make the best judgements in your decisions regarding covid and health for our nation.