

Testimony **Opposing** the Vaccine Requirement Resolution

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Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for your work on behalf of the county. Speaking as a resident and business owner, I believe this resolution would be bad for county residents and businesses; I urge you to oppose it. I'd like to point out two myths I've seen put forth as reasons for support.

Myth #1: Vaccinated residents will support the resolution. Nicole and I have both received the vaccine and booster. Yet we still strongly support the rights of people who have decided otherwise to participate in all the things our county has to offer as full and equal citizens. Tolerance of this kind is the bedrock of the American way of life. The public health rationale is weak, as it is amply clear now that the virus can circulate, and will continue to circulate in the years to come, even in communities like ours with extremely high levels of vaccination. The benefits of vaccination accrue almost entirely to the vaccinated themselves.

Myth #2: This resolution will help businesses by making people feel safer to come to them. The truth is closer to the opposite. Speaking for my family, who dine out at least once a week, we would rather stay home than be asked to show our papers and have our movements recorded by the county. Further, since we have seen from the experience of other places that SARS-COV-2 will continue to circulate even with mandates like this in place, it is likely that the people too nervous dine out now will remain so even if this resolution passes.

This resolution represents such a large divergence from our values that, if it passes, we will begin to look at moving our family and business from the area.

Sincerely,



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