

Montgomery County Council  
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RE: Opposed to Vaccine Mandate

Hello,

Please vote AGAINST a vaccine mandate for Montgomery County on Tuesday. The CDC has stated that vaccines do not reduce transmission rates. Therefore, requiring vaccines for entry to private businesses will not affect the rate of COVID infection. Instead, it will damage the economic prospects of those businesses already negatively impacted by the health [policies of the past two years. We do not need to send more profits to Amazon. It would be much better for the county and its residents if we could support our local businesses.

Additionally, a vaccine mandate discriminates against those who cannot take the vaccine for medical reasons. Instead, if you wish, attack the virus through more effective means. Give local businesses small grants to improve their ventilation systems, for example. That would have a larger impact on transmission than a vaccine mandate.

Imposing this mandate will drive consumers to make purchases and use services outside of the county. Workers may choose employment elsewhere as well. In adopting this mandate, you will be detrimentally affecting the county's economy and the well-being of its residents. You won't achieve the benefit you seek of reducing transmission as the mandates do not work.

Reject the vaccine mandate. Thank you for your attention,

/s/ *Ann Zinsser*

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