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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 10:06 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 1

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Name: Harper Burge **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Please open the schools. Our children are suffering. It is not good for their mental or physical health. You have taken away their right to learn appropriately, which requires them to have in person learning. I watch my children struggle everyday. I fear the damage that is being done to them will not be recoverable. Please open up the schools and care about the health of our children.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Anneke Greco
Email: [redacted]
Phone: 818- [redacted]
Address: [redacted], Pasadena, California 91103

Comments:

I am writing to you in support of all the mothers and fathers at home who are struggling with the online learning for their kids and need schools to open sooner than later. I implore you to consider the severe mental and physical impacts this shutdown is having on our kids and young adults. It is time to change course and take action to get these kids back to school. My husband and I both work fulltime and struggle to manage our “day jobs” along with home schooling our children and making sure they are on track with assignments. We’ve also noticed a significant change in their mental health, physical health and attitudes. Their screens have become their lives and it is causing damage to their social and communication skills; not to mention a lack of physical health and wellbeing. Six months of lockdowns have now created an irreversible loss for our children's education. It is imperative you do everything in your capabilities to open our schools and parks for the sake of our community and its future leaders.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item #1 covid 19 business reopening

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Name: Gloria Sosa **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** J
Sosa Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

My name is Gloria Sosa and I'm a member of the Hot Yoga Pasadena community. For months our studio has been closed except for a short time in June when our studio opened safely. I am respectfully requesting that my yoga studio be opened.

Hot Yoga Pasadena is an essential service for me. It's right up there with grocery stores. I've been practicing yoga for 8 years and it's essential for both my physical and mental health. I need yoga to fortify my mental health And boost my immune system. I need it to keep me healthy and sane during this insane time. I safely go to the market, dentist and outdoor dining. I want to do the same at Hot Yoga Pasadena!

My brother was recently diagnosed as having severe back degeneration and will require back surgery. At 60 years old, I am very concerned about the health of my spine and want to avoid this surgery. My yoga practice helps to prevent back problems by strengthening muscles around the spine and increasing flexibility. I only wish my brother had practiced yoga so he wouldn't face surgery today in this time of covid.

Please Honorable Councilmembers!! I implore you!! Please allow Hot Yoga Pasadena to reopen!

Thank you

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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 1-Special Item: Covid 19

Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 1-Special Item: Covid 19

Name: Val Sklar Robinson	Email: jm	Phone:	Address: Pasadena, CA 91104
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Comments:

I urge our local City Council leaders to fight for opening safely. The Covid 19 cases in our region are extremely low and yoga is essential and should be allowed to open. The best way to fight Covid 19 is to stay healthy, and our studio provides both physical and mental health, I listened to a Fox interview with Kathryn Barger and she mentioned we are below 3% positive rate and that LA County did not have an expected Labor Day spike. Dr. Drew (a doctor and medical professional) also pushed Ms. Barger on the randomness of the California tier system and the fact we were on the cusp on opening. Our hospitalization numbers are low and Dr. Drew pointed out : "There is too much variance among 10 millions people, for us to stay at a certain spot, unless, they divide us up into regions" It is time for Pasadena to FIGHT NOW TO MAKE US OUR OWN REGION AND TO ALLOW YOGA to OPEN SAFELY. The businesses allowed for opening seem arbitrary and random. Adults make informed decisions to go to Target, Walmart, Home Depot and many other businesses everyday, our studio is just as safe SINCE WE ENFORCE ALL SAFETY GUIDELINES.!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 11:21 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item Hot Yoga Pasadena reopening

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Name: Alice M. Sogomonian **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

See letter written yesterday by me.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 11:22 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 1 - Covid Business reopening

Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 1 - Covid Buisness reopening

Name: Kevin Fahey **Email:** **Phone:** 818- **Address:** 1
pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing this today to urge the leaders of Pasadena to allow the re opening of Yoga studios, I'm a advocate of this for a number of reasons listed below, I would first though like to take the time to thank and mention that I do understand the hard and unprecedented job that has been placed upon any leadership in any municipality in these trying times.

I do believe the reopening of yoga studios would act as benefit to the community and not a deterrent to the control of the virus, here are a few reasons why.

- 1 - The added benefit of physical activity.
- 2 - The Helpful mental aspects that yoga brings to people who practice it.
- 3 - This is tied into #2 anyone who is moving through society in better physical and mental shape will only be a plus to others they come in contact with.I.E. family members, co workers, Friends.
- 4 - Most of these are small businesses that will not be able to sustain themselves much longer and do not have the economic ability to shut down and then re open.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope it offers a small guidance to your decision.

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Name:	Email:	Phone: 626-	Address:
Yennis			SAN GABRIEL, CA
Wong			91775

Comments:

I'm writing regarding Pasadena supporting all schools to open. All children should be the priority. The mental health of our children is at stake and we need you to fight for our littlest community members. Our children may be facing long term mental health problems.

Day care and day camps are open but those require a lot of additional funding to which many families are not privileged to. What is the difference to opening schools? Allowing them is widening the socioeconomic gap and will cause further deep-rooted emotional damage.

The mental health of parents should also be considered. We rely on a village to help raise a child and we no longer have that gift of community, which is extremely isolating. The stress a parent feels to be everything to a child can cause deep emotional stress and cause damage to the parent child relationship.

The CDC says schools should reopen using a risk continuum...at what point do we value the physical and mental health of children? I will not stand to watch children fall behind...I hope you won't either. Call Kathryn Barger, say you want ALL Pasadena schools to open.

Thank you all for your dedication to making your voice heard and for speaking up for our children. Don't hesitate to ask any questions.

Kindly,
Yennis

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 11:37 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item Agenda item 1: Covid 19-Business reopening

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Name: Greg Burr **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I petition to have Hot Yoga Pasadena to be reopened.

Based on the practices that I observed when the studio was reopened, I believe that the studio is safe, in fact safer than a grocery store for these reasons:

1. We register for classes online. There is no-sign in, no touching of surfaces so entry into the studio is contactless.
2. We do not go into locker rooms to change or socialize, we put our things in assigned, non-adjointing shelves located next to the entrance to the yoga room. There are markings to keep everyone 6 feet apart.
3. We always wear masks. Masks come off in the yoga room when class starts. We put them back on when class ends.
4. We enter the yoga room and take assigned spots, which are more than 6 feet apart in all directions. Practitioners adhere to these guidelines and are silent.
5. No mouth breathing in the poses. The room is not heated so no one sweats.
6. The teachers wear visoring and masks for our protection.
7. After the class we pick up things from the shelves and leave.

I have been working with a prominent integrative MD to boost my immune system. She has

enthusiastically endorsed the Bikram method that this studio teaches, so that re-opening the studio is appropriate for improving public health.

Sincerely,

Greg Burr

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 12:00 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Name: tami **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** ,
mcgovern in pasadena, CA 91108

Comments:

I wish Hot Yoga of Pasadena to open Safely and consider this an essential business. Thank you for considering.

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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 1 - report on COVID response

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Name: Paul Little-	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Pasadena Chamber of a			Ave, Pasadena, CA
Commerce			91106

Comments:

Good afternoon.

I want to commend city staff for everything they have done to face this pandemic and keep us safe.

Staff in your Public Health, Planning and Development, Transportation, Public Works and Recreation and Human Services departments have been, diligent, thoughtful, creative and helpful.

I especially appreciate the work your health department staff have done to keep us as safe and healthy as possible.

Thank you all,

Paul Little

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Name: Educate Advocate **Email:** **Address:** ,
ci, CA 91743

Comments:

I'm Kristie Sepulveda Burchit I'd Educate. Advocate. We serve families with children with special needs. Recently your city councils public health declares that all students and staff must receive a flu vaccine to attend school. This will first apply to those in small cohorts such as students in special education. Under SB 277 now law those on an IEP are to receive their education support and services regardless of vaccine status. In addition any additional vaccines required by CDPH outside of what SB 277 deemed for school of which flu is not one are to have a religious and personal belief exemption for these. Lastly https://www.ca-ilg.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/local_agency_powers_and_limitations_1.pdf the city and it's public health making stricter laws than the state in an area that the state fully occupies - health and safety code is not within the boundaries of law. There are potential liability issues with the city over lawsuits in areas of arguable laws. The city and it's public health should immediately make the flu vaccine mandate into a recommendation just as CDPH did in their reopening schools guidance.

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Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 1 covid buisness reopening

Name: cassiel getz **Email:** **Phone:** 213- **Address:**
ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing on behalf of the small business, Hot Yoga Pasadena.

I am writing to urge and convince city leaders to start opening up small businesses that are dying. How can Home Depot, Target, Lowes, be allowed to open, under safety protocols, yet small businesses with lesser people and the same protocols not be allowed to open? One wonders who is really benefiting from this? Clearly its large corporations. This pandemic has now been downgraded as an outbreak ,with a 99.5 chance of survival. I beg and urge you to let Val open her business for the sake of her family, small business owners, and for the sake of good health for its members. Let Pasadena be a leader that champions the people that make this city great.

with kind regards

Cassiel Hamilton

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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 1- great Plates

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Erika Foy		3	Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I am saddened by the amount of time you have spent talking about the Great Plates program and the letters submitted by numerous residents on school issues got very little attention or conversation. Many of those letters were from residents who have never participated in a city discussion. Parents and kids are hurting and it was very disrespectful to ignore their concerns the way you did. Sad times.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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