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**From:** Richard West <batterybooks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2020 6:37 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting

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I have also sent this note to EDTECH.

Is there any financial assistance available since landlords are requiring rent? My sense of logic is telling me that if forced to stay closed by authorities those authorities should provide funds to pay our rent.

Thank you,  
Richard West  
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**From:** Wayne Hunt <waynehunt.art@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Open Pasadena Retail Stores

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Wayne Hunt  
106 S. Grand Avenue

### Mayor and City Council:

#### Open Local Retail

Over the last few weeks I have comfortably shopped at Armstrong Nursery, Lincoln Nursery, Total Wine, Ace Hardware, Target and of course, several local grocery stores. In each store the staff and customers practiced social distancing and, lately wore masks and deployed other safeguards to result in a fear-free, likely very safe experience. *So, why are all other Pasadena retail stores still closed? Why can I buy a gardening book at Armstrong and not at Vromans? Why can I buy wine glasses at Total Wine and not at Pottery Barn? Why can I buy garden furniture at Ace and not at Patio World? Why can I buy a camera at Target and not at Sammy's?*

The 'essential business' edict has been patently unfair from the start and after six weeks it is time to open up all Pasadena retail. We don't want curbside pick-up — let's not pretend that means 'open.' I've been able to curbside pick-up from Michaels during the entire shutdown, another unfair and even arbitrary situation.

I don't know if the grocery stores enacted some government-based protocol or not, but they did a great job of creating their own, and largely uniform guidelines. And nearly every shopper bought in to the requirements. Our many retailers are responsible and will generally adopt similar protocols without a lot of city or county guidance — I trust Vromans, and others, to act responsibly and deliver a safe shopping environment. And, shoppers will demand and expect it.

Every day we delay opening our stores is another nail in their coffins, likely leading to a graveyard of failed locally-owned stores within weeks.

Thank you.

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**From:** Wayne Hunt <waynehunt.art@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2020 9:47 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Rose Bowl Loop & Trails

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Wayne Hunt  
106 South Grand

**Mayor and City Council:**

**Open Rose Bowl Loop and Arroyo Trails**

Keeping the Loop and trails closed is looking more arbitrary and even punitive every passing day. I walked or ran in the Lower Arroyo nearly every day until it was summarily closed without warning. District 6 told me it was 'because of crowding at the archery range.' What? As twenty year-plus Arroyo trails user I don't think I've ever seen a crowd in the archery area. Yes, there were a few folks who walked too close together at the Loop and on the trails, but these people are now walking too close together on Orange Grove or down the middle of Grand Avenue.

Please open the Loop and trails. Not only for the recreational value but as a symbolic gesture of normalcy.

Thank you.

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**From:** Jennifer Meakins <j.meakins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2020 10:13 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Fwd: COVID-19 Reopening Concerns

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Dear Mayor Torneck and Pasadena City Council,

I am a citizen of Pasadena, currently residing in Old Town. I am writing you today with great concern about the current decision of the state and county to move forward with reopening certain services and businesses. Yesterday, the City of Pasadena shared data showing that our positive COVID-19 case count continues to go up. Besides what the City of Pasadena mandates, the risk of spread as residents of Pasadena begin to venture to their offices/places of business, particularly as public transportation gets more crowded again, will escalate. I implore you and the rest of the City government to maintain caution, even as the County and State appears to be falling victim to the protests of a loud minority.

In addition I am astonished by the number of citizens ignoring the mask-wearing mandate.

We can each only do so much as citizens to keep ourselves and others safe, you must do your part to help us.

Thank you so much,  
Jenny Meakins

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**From:** Nathan Cambridge <nacambridge@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2020 12:46 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Please reopen the Lower Arroyo Park.

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Although I fully support all efforts to slow the virus, I would like the Lower Arroyo Park reopened. Social distancing measures can still be utilized with the park open for safe recreation. I particularly would like to see the archery range reopened. Archery is an excellent activity that can be perused by individuals six feet apart. Thank you.

Nathan Cambridge

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