

Martinez, Ruben

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: Paul Little <Paul@pasadena-chamber.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Public comment on today's City Council agenda item #2 - orders related to reopening businesses

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Good morning.

Thank you for meeting today to begin discussions about reopening some Pasadena businesses.

First and foremost, we are all concerned about the health and welfare of our community and appreciate the diligent and thoughtful way our public health department has navigated us through this crisis to date. We still have long way to go.

As we begin slowly reopening businesses, please take care to enable businesses to open safely and quickly. It is imperative that the City of Pasadena not place impediments in the way of anyone safely conducting business. The retail landscape will be very much changed and it is important that businesses are given every opportunity to succeed now and into the future.

As you consider how to regulate businesses in this new environment, please allow them to reopen quickly. Other jurisdictions are allowing certifications of restaurants via email, online forms and over the phone, for example. We can do that, too. It ensures a clean, healthy environment while not adding time or costs to reopening.

What businesses need is direction on how to operate in a way that keeps their customers and employees safe, not inspections, added costs or delays to opening.

Also, there are a number of small, locally owned businesses in Pasadena that are in dire need of a small infusion of cash immediately. Studies show that as many as 25% of local small businesses may not reopen across the US. Most of those businesses will fail for lack of \$10,000 to \$15,000. The City of Pasadena can be the lifeline for those businesses that either did not qualify or did not receive PPP loans by seeding a fund to support them with either no-interest loans or grants that could be administered locally to those businesses that contribute to the character of Pasadena. A small investment now could be repaid to the City of Pasadena in sales tax revenue and much more.

Thank you for deliberating and considering our posts.

Paul Little
Pasadena Chamber of Commerce

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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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Novelo, Lilia

From: Elena Matyas <elena@meowmeowfoundation.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Doug Forbes
Subject: Children's health and safety - May 7th special meeting

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Mayor and Council,

As always, we hope you and your families are safe and sound. We also appreciate your service under such harrowing circumstances.

Thank you again for your response letter dated March 4. Our foundation has since continued to caution you, Dr. Goh and Rachel Janbek about the inherent risks associated with allowing Pasadena camps to operate with virtual impunity during a pandemic. At least two camps operate on city property, both of which advertise as of today that they will run camp this summer.

Ms. Janbek made a unilateral decision to end day camp oversight years back. Dr. Goh has ostensibly supported that decision. Our foundation needs to be on the record: this decision by the Pasadena Health Department is and was unilaterally ill-informed and now potentially dangerous.

Are you prepared to simply allow Pasadena camps to self-police thousands of kids and counselors coming from local as well as international communities during a pandemic, when they have been operating without critical health and safety measures for decades?

Our foundation was established to advocate water safety and camp safety for kids. Our remarkably compassionate daughter would have demanded nothing less. And like her, we adore children. We want them to enjoy their young lives. But we cannot risk their lives and the lives of others simply because adults are making myopic decisions, prioritizing convenience and financial interests over children's health and safety.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and inform you of our suggestions.

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All the best,
Elena and Doug
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Meow Meow Foundation: "Do Not Let Us D(r)own."

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From: Maria Garcia <batherdoggie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Grooming shops...

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are grooming shops allow to open?

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