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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Pamela johnson			, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Please save our economy and keep outdoor dining open. There are few hospitalizations and science shows transmissions are gatherings in close environments. Transmissions do not occurs in strictly cleaned, socially distances, outdoor dining.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Chelby Crawford **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** 1001 7th
Road, Pasadena, CA
91103

Comments:

Keep the outdoor dining in Pasadena OPEN. The small businesses of Pasadena have been hit hard enough! They are hanging on by a thread and have met all of the demands and requirements to practice safe business to the tune of THOUSANDS of dollars that they are not making. I feel more comfortable eating outdoors at a local restaurant with all of the precautions that they have taken than I do going to a grocery store or large retailer where social distance is not practiced or enforced. The employees have taken enough hits, the business owners have taken enough hits. Enough is enough. This medical emergency has become a critical economic emergency!

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Name: Paul Zee **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** 3
Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Dear City Councilmembers of Pasadena,
As a Former Mayor and City Councilmember of the city of South Pasadena (1992-2001), longtime resident of South Pasadena, and a small business owner myself, I am in favor of keeping restaurants open for outdoor dining during this time. Closing outdoor dining will be a detrimental blow to the economy of Pasadena, causing many restaurant staff and those employed in the food industry to lose their jobs. Many restaurants will shutter as they cannot be sustained on takeout orders alone. Pasadena restaurants have invested time and money in keeping patrons and staff safe. They are in compliance with CDC regulations and there is no evidence that they contribute to the spreading of Covid-19.

Please consider keeping outdoor dining open in the City of Pasadena.

- Paul Zee

Former Mayor, City of South Pasadena

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Maria Dietz			, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

To Mayor Terry Tornek and the Pasadena City Council: I would like to express my displeasure and complete disagreement with Governor Newsom and LA Mayor Eric Garcetti regarding imposing a mandatory three week lock down. Firstly, there have only been 129 Covid deaths in TOTAL in Pasadena (Source: City of Pasadena Covid dash board). We are a very compliant and responsible community that follows the guidelines established. Our numbers support this as evidence. We SHOULD NOT be grouped in with Los Angeles as it relates to COVID, which is Garcetti's responsibility. Secondly, this measure will, without a doubt, be punitive to all of our Pasadena business and restaurant owners at a critical time of year. These business owners are responsible and as part of our Pasadena community, care for our health as we care for a thriving business community. Many investments have been made to keep up with the new guidelines. PLEASE FIGHT BACK - DO NOT INCLUDE PASADENA IN THIS LOCKDOWN.

Thank you,
Maria Dietz

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Name: Leah Freeark **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to banning outdoor dining because it is vital to keeping our community and restaurants alive. So many people are losing their livelihoods and going under during this pandemic, and it is not fair. Outdoor dining is a safe option, and Pasadena's numbers are not what LA's are. We shouldn't be grouped into the entirety of LA County when our numbers are more reasonable. For the sake of restaurant owners, we should allow outdoor dining to continue.

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Name: Jeff Smith **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Smith Pl, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

We hear all the time....we follow the science....we follow the science....do we? Over and over we read from experts that the students returning to schools aren't causing a spike in cases. Why is this being ignored? Why aren't all K-12 students in at least hybrid school?

And now we are considering closing outdoor restaurants when according to the LA County's Contact and Tracing Page, minimal cases were found from non -staff (or customers). So what is the justification for closing restaurants if the statistics are showing that this isn't the source of the increase in cases?

Those small business/restaurant owners that have invested in building safer outdoor spaces to keep their businesses open need your help. Why is the science being ignored?

Lets get our children back in school and also keep our small businesses open. Pasadena citizens need your Leadership today!!

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
adriana			Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Please do not enforce this as there is no legitimate proof that the restaurant industry is responsible for the COVID spike. We have already inflicted great restrictions and cause significant economics loss. Individuals who choose to lack precautions will continue to do so as I witness. The restaurant protocols on the other hand actually do work. Your constituent base sides with the independently owned business and our loyalty remains with the businesses that gave us so much both in creating Pasadena the gem it is today and as in giving us dining experiences that have formed many our our family memories. Please keep all business open with precautions.

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Name: Laurie **Email:** **Address:**
Smith Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

PLEASE allow restaurants to continue to offer outside dining. According to the L.A. County's own Contact and Tracing page, out of the 204 "outbreak" locations only 8 cases were from non-staff. Restaurants have gone to much expense to be able to have safe outside dining and they will not be able to survive if they are forced to shut down again. Hundreds of people will be out of work again. Shutting down outside dining will have far worse detrimental effects on our community than people contracting a virus with a survival rate close to 100%.

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Name: Althea De Pietro, De Pietro Holdings **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

We need to be supportive of businesses, and one of the ways this can be done is by continuing outdoor dining. If restaurants are unable to have outdoor dining, many more will fail, which will be yet another devastating blow to people's livelihood, everyone's mental health, and our economy. This needs to be taken into great consideration and outdoor dining needs to stay.

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Name: Pam Riley **Email:** **Address:** San Gabriel, CA 91775

Comments:

DO NOT END OUTDOOR DINING IN PASADENA!

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Name: Daniel Mellinkoff **Email:** --- **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Dear City Council Members:

As you know, this Council helped restaurants reopen, using outside dining as the tool for that recovery. As a result, there has been a vigorous, exciting, and sustained recovery among restaurants, a large number of whom would have failed if this program had not been started.

Now, you are being asked to reverse those measures, but for reasons that do not make sense.

1 - There is no scientific evidence that I know of linking outside dining to the recent rise in new coronavirus cases.

2 - The real culprit appears to be older temperatures, as the spike in cases around the northern hemisphere has been directly correlated to colder temperatures and the onset of winter.

3 – Making this change will be extremely harmful. Many of the businesses who got back on their feet, and who made huge new investments to create outside dining, will be permanently impacted. Many will never recover.

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4 - There will be a vaccine by early next year that has already been proven to be highly (95% and higher) effective and safe.

Don't kill the golden goose, especially where the science and the facts do not support it.

Yours,

Dan Mellinkoff

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Name: Linda Jimenez-Griffin **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Outdoor dining should be allowed to continue. Businesses are following all CDC guidelines and customers are following them too. If businesses are shut down again, I believe people will only shift their social gatherings indoors, especially because of the deep desire to see family & friends for the holidays. Data shows that this is where the virus is spreading more, not by outdoor dining. Closing everything down again will also make everything worse for the economy. Many people are already suffering tremendous financial loss and instability. This also needs to be a priority. I'm afraid people are fatigued with the back & forth orders and shut downs. They are less likely to follow orders now & will most likely have larger gatherings at home & indoors. Ultimately, this will inevitably spread the virus more than keeping restaurants open for outdoor dining.

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Name: Christy	Email:	Phone: 626	Address:
S Bradley			Way, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to re-instating the ban on outdoor dining. If imposed, it will put even more restaurants out of business. Restaurants have spend thousands of dollars to comply with safety guidelines; to buy heaters and tents; to purchase PPE for staff. Restaurants are important job creators and they also provide a much needed venue for Covid-weary citizens to safely gather.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

- 79% said they are afraid of COVID-19.
- 22% said they were getting tested for COVID-19 in order to visit family.
- 29% said they have heard of parties/kickbacks happening this weekend.

The preliminary data will continue to be collected until Thursday. This has provided an idea of what people are thinking and what to expect in terms of COVID-19 after the Thanksgiving holiday.

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