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**Subject:** Public Comment for 2:00 special meeting on 10/5

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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.

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**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** COVID 19 business reopening


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Hello, can you consider a reopening of Hot Yoga Pasadena?

Brittany Fella, MA, LMFT  
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**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Covid-19 business re opening

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Hi.

Please have yoga businesses open up.

They help us highly to boost up immunization and body exercise.

It was open for few weeks back in july but it was closed again.

Pleeeeee.

I want Hot yoga Pasadena to reopen.

Stay Safe,

Masoud Mosallaie  
626-2418211

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**From:** Gloria Sosa  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Item #1 - covid 19 Business reopening - Hot Yoga Pasadena

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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 and medical services. I've been practicing yoga for 8 years and it is essential for both my physical and mental well being. Given these stressful times, 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, auto mechanic, dentist and outdoor dining. I want to do the same at Hot Yoga Pasadena!

In closing, 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 the surgery my brother will have to endure. 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 and maybe 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 for your time.

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**From:** Sasha Stone  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2020 11:09 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** I am in favor of opening Hot Yoga Pasadena

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I am willing to take the risk. Enough is enough. It's time to get our lives back.

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**From:** Val SklarRobinson <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Reopening Hot Yoga Pasadena Safely

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Dear Pasadena City Council,

I just wrote you last week and want to write again to encourage our local City Council leaders to fight for opening our community to open businesses safely. Covid 19 cases are extremely low and as you can see from all the letters you are receiving from our local community, yoga is essential and should be allowed to open safely. The best way to fight Covid 19 is to stay healthy, and our studio provides both physical and mental health to our members who are begging for us to open safely.

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 that we have 10 million people in our county is arbitrary in our county our size. He said "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 THE REMAINING BUSINESSES TO OPEN SAFELY.**

The opening continue to be arbitrary and random and yoga and fitness are essential and need to reopen now safely.

Thanks for your time and for fighting for our community to stay healthy and for local businesses who want to open safely

Val Sklar Robinson  
Owner, Hot Yoga Pasadena

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Val Sklar Robinson  
owner, Hot Yoga Pasadena

Anyone can feel great and live better by practicing our Hot Yoga and Pilates classes because they are specifically designed to eliminate stress and build strength in your mind and body.

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**From:** KEVIN FAHEY <  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2020 11:18 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** Kevin Fahey  
**Subject:** Reopening Yoga Studios

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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.

Kevin Fahey  
818-634-3472  
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CITY OF PASADENA  
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**LETTER OF CONCERN  
PASADENA SCHOOL FLU VACCINATION REQUIREMENT**

October 5, 2020

Re: Agenda item 1 - COVID-19 UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER AND PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

Dear City of Pasadena Mayor, Council Members and Public Health Officer, and Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent,

This letter is in response to the new flu vaccination requirements outlined in the Pasadena Public Health Department's Reopening Protocol for K12 schools, which requires all schools to "develop and implement a flu vaccination program (vaccine education, promotion, and documentation of completed, current vaccination) with the goal of influenza immunization for all students and staff unless contraindicated by documented medical exemption." **A Voice for Choice Advocacy sincerely objects, on a legal, scientific and religious/conscious basis, to the flu vaccine requirement, and asks for it to be withdrawn immediately, for both students and staff.**

**Per Section 120335 of the CA Health and Safety Code, neither the City of Pasadena Public Health Department, nor the Pasadena Unified School District has the jurisdiction to mandate the flu vaccine for K-12 students. For teachers and staff, Pasadena Public Health Department and Pasadena Unified School District must clarify the requirement for all employees, because according to federal and California state law, there must be other options in place:**

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)'s 2009 guidance unequivocally concludes that "both the ADA and Title VII prohibits an employer from compelling its employees to be vaccinated for influenza regardless of their medical condition or religious beliefs – even during a pandemic."

Requiring the flu vaccine for employees would equate to religious discrimination.

According to the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA)'s Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standard, Title 8, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 5199, "All covered employers must make the influenza vaccine available during flu season...Employees are permitted to decline any recommended vaccination, but the employer must ensure that they sign the statement."

**If this requirement is not fully rescinded, we ask that it is altered in the following three ways for both students and employees:**

- **Follow the Precautionary Principle: Make the flu vaccine a recommendation, rather than a mandate**
- **Allow a religious or personal/conscious belief exemption**
- **And, allow for the medical exemption to be at a doctor's discretion**

These requests are supported by extensive scientific and other information outlined below.

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## **CA Health and Safety Code Section 120335**

Section 120335 states that only the California Public Health Department can add another vaccine to the list of vaccines required for enrollment to preschool, and K-12 schools:

(11) Any other disease deemed appropriate by the department, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160SB277](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB277)

**The Pasadena Public Health Department and the Pasadena Unified School District cannot require the flu vaccine for entry into school, and must remove this requirement.**

## **Religious and Personal/Conscious belief exemptions 120335 of the CA Health and Safety Code**

While the flu vaccine requirement, states medical exemptions will be allowed, religious accommodations for employees have not been clarified. Per the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission which enforces Federal laws prohibiting employment discrimination, employees are protected from employment discrimination when it involves religious discrimination:

“Religious discrimination involves treating a person (an applicant or employee) unfavorably because of his or her religious beliefs. The law protects not only people who belong to traditional, organized religions, such as Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism, but also others who have sincerely held religious, ethical or moral beliefs. (<https://www.eeoc.gov/religious-discrimination>)”

This is underscored by an article in the National Law Review (July 28,2020) (<https://www.natlawreview.com/article/vaccinate-or-terminate-mandatory-vaccination-workplace-policy>), which states:

“The EEOC first tackled mandatory vaccination in 2009 in response to the H1N1 (“swine flu”) pandemic and incorporated into its guidance established law concerning medical testing and religious objections. In its publication Pandemic Preparedness for the Workplace, the EEOC provided guidance regarding disability-related medical inquiries and medical examinations that might be relevant in a pandemic. As part of the 2009 guidance, the EEOC unequivocally concluded that both the ADA and Title VII prohibited an employer from compelling its employees to be vaccinated for influenza regardless of their medical condition or religious beliefs – even during a pandemic.”

The flu vaccine requirement is also a violation of employee and students’ first amendment right to religious exemption, and is without legal precedence. Denying students the ability to honor their religious convictions goes against the founding principles of the US Constitution. There is no immediate threat of a severe adverse reaction to a contagious disease that justifies stripping students of their freedom of religion.

At the bottom of every page of the Pasadena Unified School District’s website there is reference to their Statement of Non-Discrimination, which states “The District’s academic and other educational support programs, services, and activities shall be free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying of any individual based on the person’s actual race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation,

gender, gender identity, or gender expression, the perception of one or more of such characteristics, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.” This flu vaccination requirement, without a religious belief exemption is in direct conflict with this non-discrimination statement.

**By law, the Pasadena Public Health Department and Pasadena Unified School District must allow for a religious exemption to the flu vaccine requirement for all its employees. All contractors used by the Pasadena Unified School District must also do the same. It then falls on the Pasadena Public Health Department and Pasadena Unified School District to have equity among employees and students and allow a religious or personal/conscious belief exemption so as to avoid widespread discrimination.**

### **CalOSHA declination statement for Employees**

According to the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA)'s Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standard, Title 8, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 5199, “Employers must make available the vaccinations that are appropriate for their employees’ exposures. All covered employers must make the influenza vaccine available during flu season...Employees are permitted to decline any recommended vaccination, but the employer must ensure that they sign the statement...for each declined vaccine...Employees who decline the seasonal influenza vaccination must sign the declination statement...An alternative declination statement is acceptable as long as it meets the CDPH requirements of Health and Safety Code Section 1288.7.” ([https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/dosh\\_publications/ATD-Guide.pdf](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/dosh_publications/ATD-Guide.pdf))

**By law, the Pasadena Public Health Department and Pasadena Unified School District must allow for a declination statement for all its employees. All contractors used by the Pasadena Unified School District must also do the same. It then falls on the Pasadena Public Health Department and Pasadena Unified School District to have equity among employees and students and allow a declination statement so as to avoid widespread discrimination.**

### **Medical Exemptions at the doctor’s discretion**

Vaccine manufacturers have no liability for any adverse reactions of their vaccine products, due to the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. The Vaccine Compensation Program allows people to get compensation if they have very specific vaccine injuries. It has paid out over \$4 billion. Injuries, among both adults and children, from flu vaccine have the highest compensation rate (<https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/vaccine-compensation/data/data-statistics-report.pdf>).

The Medical Exemption criteria mentioned in the Pasadena Public Health Department School Re-Opening Document rely on the CDC or vaccine manufacturer published contraindications which are very narrow. The contraindications which the CDC does state are limited to anaphylaxis from a previous vaccine dose or ingredient or death. Therefore if a student or employee has a less severe reaction, such as seizures they would still be expected to get another dose of the vaccine in order to comply with the new requirement. Similarly, family history is not taken into consideration. For example, if a student or employee’s sibling died

from a flu vaccine reaction and their physician has determined based on family history that the student should not be vaccinated, they would be denied enrollment based on the UC medical exemption policy. The latest research indicates that there are genetic factors that may increase the likelihood of vaccine adverse reactions, and therefore other reasons for a medical exemption should include but are not limited to family history of a vaccine reaction, family history of an autoimmune disorder and certain genetic mutations.

A subset of children and adults who are vaccinated suffer unique adverse reactions for which there are no routine screening processes, but physicians might identify risk factors not listed as CDC contraindications. A doctor may also recognize that the immune system of a patient is not strong enough to handle a vaccination for a period of time, but the vaccination can safely be administered in 6 months. It is for these reasons that our healthcare system operates on the basis of informed consent. Informed consent ensures that the doctor and patient make the decision regarding any medical procedure and weigh the risks and benefits as they pertain to the best interest of the health and safety of the patient, not the strong arm policy of an educational institution or even the state legislature.

**Given the lack of liability, the disproportionality high compensation for flu vaccine injuries, and the extremely narrow vaccine contraindication criteria, the Pasadena Public Health Department and Pasadena Unified School District should change the medical exemption to be up to the discretion of the patient's doctor.**

### **The Precautionary Principle - The flu vaccine and its unknown impact on the COVID pandemic**

As an article in the American Journal of Public Health states, "The precautionary principle asserts that the burden of proof for potentially harmful actions by industry or government rests on the assurance of safety and that when there are threats of serious damage, scientific uncertainty must be resolved in favor of prevention." (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1446778/>).

Over the past 5 flu seasons, according to the CDC, the flu vaccine only has an efficacy rate of 19-48%, in the US (<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/vaccines-work/effectiveness-studies.htm>). Getting the flu vaccine still results in a high likelihood of getting the flu, if exposed.

Recent studies have even found that those getting the flu vaccine are more susceptible to infection. For example [Diminished B-Cell Response After Repeat Influenza Vaccination](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30496437) (Sanyal, et al, 2019) <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30496437>

"Our findings indicate a diminished B-cell response to annual vaccination with seasonal trivalent influenza vaccine. These results emphasize the need for developing improved strategies to enhance the immunogenicity and efficacy of annual influenza vaccination."

And [Increased Risk of Noninfluenza Respiratory Virus Infections Associated With Receipt of Inactivated Influenza Vaccine \(TIV\)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3404712/) (Cowling, et al, 2015) <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3404712/>

"We identified a statistically significant increased risk of noninfluenza respiratory virus infection among TIV recipients, including significant increases in the risk of rhinovirus and coxsackie/echovirus infection,

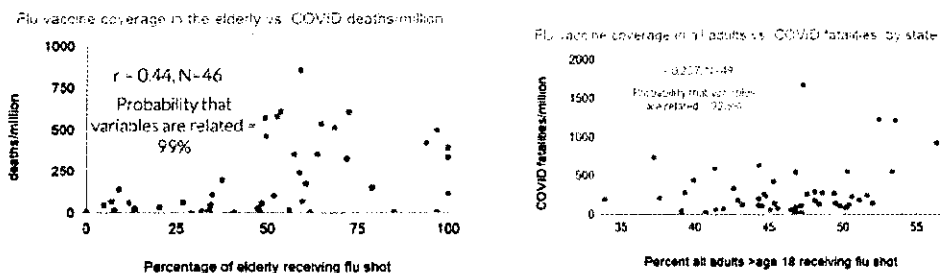
which were most frequently detected in March 2009, immediately after the peak in seasonal influenza activity in February 2009”

There is no conclusive data showing that the flu vaccine would lessen the impact of COVID on an individual or on a community. In fact, there are a number research studies that have found the opposite – that flu vaccination increases COVID morbidity and increases the risk of coronaviruses and other non-flu viruses, detailed below. Until the science is settled, a flu vaccine requirement should not be implemented.

Influenza vaccination and respiratory virus interference among Department of Defense personnel during the 2017–2018 influenza season (Wolff, 2020) <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7126676/>

This paper describes that the “Vaccine derived virus interference was significantly associated with coronavirus and human metapneumovirus; however, significant protection with vaccination was associated not only with most influenza viruses, but also parainfluenza, RSV, and non-influenza virus coinfections.” So while the influenza vaccine does give protection to influenza viruses, the risk of getting both coronavirus and human metapneumovirus in vaccinated individuals is significantly higher when compared to unvaccinated individuals, implying the influenza vaccination may increase the risk of COVID-19.

The key question with this paper is: Do the findings translate to all coronaviruses, including COVID-19. In a response to this paper, Cunningham (2020) published a list of flu shot coverage rates for the elderly vs. their COVID-19 fatality rates (<https://www.bmj.com/content/369/bmj.m1932/rr-15>). His data updated through August 2020 and supplemented with every other country for which there is influenza vaccine data is graphed below. Because COVID-19 testing and reporting may be inconsistent between countries, the graph provides the peak total excess death rate since January of 2020, in the form of a statistical Z score, for countries for which this was available.



This data on the left is among the elderly because the flu vaccine, in many countries is primarily given to the elderly. The data for adults by US state is available and shows a similar trend. (Full data: <https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-34892194/documents/396b1111f5a24632b25546c37c7a8232/expanded%20countries%20updated%20August%2014%2C%202020.xlsx>)

Two important takeaways from these graphs:

- 1) Countries with high flu vaccine coverage, as of August 2020, suffered up to at least 20 times more COVID-19 fatalities/million as countries with low coverage.
- 2) There appears to be a TIPPING POINT that occurs at 45% -50% flu vaccine coverage. The average fatality rate in countries or states with coverage over the tipping point is significantly

higher. This indicates that reaching a certain density of individuals vaccinated with the flu vaccine made the community especially vulnerable to COVID (that is, the percolation threshold is reached) which suddenly creates sharply worse outcomes.

Increased Risk of Noninfluenza Respiratory Virus Infections Associated With Receipt of Inactivated Influenza Vaccine, (Cowling et al., 2012) <https://academic.oup.com/cid/article/54/12/1778/455098>

This paper describes that children given a “trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (TIV) had an increased risk of virologically-confirmed non-influenza infections” over the subsequent 9 months. “Being protected against influenza, TIV recipients may lack temporary non-specific immunity that protected against other respiratory viruses.” In other words, children given a flu vaccine have a higher likelihood of getting other infections.

Epidemiology of respiratory viral infections in children enrolled in a study of influenza vaccine effectiveness (Dierig et al. 2014) <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/irv.12229>

This paper describes that influenza-like illness (Adeno- and rhinoviruses being the most common) was more common in “children vaccinated against influenza in this observational study, but prior health-seeking behavior may have contributed to this difference.” Again, giving question to whether the flu vaccine increases the risk of other types of viral infections.

The number of people in a country who take the flu vaccine is highly correlated to the country's COVID-19 fatality rate, and research done before the epidemic clearly showed that taking the flu vaccine can increase an individual's susceptibility to viruses not contained in the shot (see research citations on this page). Additionally, the data is non-linear, suggesting that vaccinated individuals are super-spreaders of COVID-19, who become dangerous to the whole community.

**The Pasadena Public Health Department and the Pasadena Unified School District should follow the Precautionary Principle and heed on the side of caution not requiring the flu vaccine, until students, teachers and staff have the scientific assurance that the flu vaccine will not put them and the community in a higher risk category for COVID-19.**

**For all these reasons, A Voice for Choice Advocacy asks you to remove this flu vaccine requirement and abide by the Precautionary Principle as part of the protocol to re-open all school in Pasadena.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*cc: you, Dana Hildebrand*

Christina Hildebrand,

President,

A Voice for Choice Advocacy, Inc.

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Giving issues a voice, A Voice for Choice Advocacy advocates for people's rights to be fully informed about the

composition, quality, and short- and long-term health effects of all products that go into people's bodies, such as food, water, air, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics.

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Hello,

I'm writing to let you know that I believe our yoga studios in Pasadena should be allowed to reopen. I know that if the proper protocols are set in place and being followed then I think they should be able to open back up safely.

It is very important to keep people healthy and yoga is a huge contribution to our physical and mental health. It greatly improves our immune systems. An important part of keeping this COVID 19 virus from entering our bodies is a healthy immune system . It's a proven fact that we must keep our bodies in shape and moving if we want to get ahead of this virus.

Thank you for your consideration,

Audrey Franks

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**Subject:** Agenda item 1: Covid 19-Business reopening

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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-adjoining 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.
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

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**From:** JEFF RANGEL ·  
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge the safe reopening of hot yoga pasadena. I have been a teacher and member of this studio for the last twenty years and consider it vital to my personal and financial well-being. As a staff member I can attest to our ability and resolute desire to open with the safety of everyone as top priority. We did it before and are poised to do it again.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Jeffrey Rangel

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** BROOKE WORREL <br...m>  
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge you to allow Hot Yoga Pasadena to reopen as an essential business. Unlike other yoga or various fitness studios whose practices can be done at home to more or less the same effect, the added heat at HYP provides a therapy that has become essential to my physical and mental health.

I returned to the studio back in June when they were briefly allowed to re-open and they went above and beyond to employ safety measures to keep the studio clean, ventilated and made sure the limited number of returning members were masked and properly distanced. It actually felt much safer than a trip to the grocery store.

I would be devastated if this studio went out of business like so many others across LA County - please let them re-open so this doesn't happen.

Sincerely,  
Brooke Worrel

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**From:** Tom McGovern <  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2020 11:50 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** andy@wilsonforcitycouncil.com  
**Subject:** Agenda item 1: Covid 19-Business reopening

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Dear Council,

I am writing in support of indoor fitness facilities reopening provided that the establishment implements the recommended precautions to reduce the spread of Covid-19. Fitness is essential to the well being of our citizens both physically and mentally. I hope you will include these businesses in the current re-openings.

Tom McGovern, Pasadena Resident

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**From:** Mark Abernathy  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2020 12:05 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Agenda item 1: Covid 19-Business reopening

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I am writing today to encourage you to support for reopening hot yoga gyms in Pasadena.

I believe that with implementation of proper safety protocols that hot yoga gyms will support the well-being of the community.

Thank you,

Mark Abernathy

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**From:** Jason Hamilton  
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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? This pandemic has now been downgraded as an outbreak, with a 99.8 chance of survival. I beg and urge you to let Val open her business for the sake of her family and for the sake of good health for its members.

with kind regards

Cassiel Hamilton

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**Subject:**

FW: Schools Opening and Wuhan-Coronavirus/COVID-19

**From:** Tessa Nelson

**Date:** October 5, 2020 at 2:30:00 PM PDT

**To:** "Jomsky, Mark" <njomsky@cityofpasadena.net>

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**Subject:** Schools Opening and Wuhan-Coronavirus/COVID-19

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Mr. Jomsky,

Please distribute my letter as a public record for use in any/all council meetings and among the above names.

This is my public record:

My daughter, her classmates at Mayfield Senior School, and all school children are suffering at home, being forced into online/remote learning.

My 17year old daughter is a Mayfield Senior School, Senior. As an only child, she sits alone doing her school work on a computer, does her homework on a computer, and studies from a computer. All while being isolated from the joys of friendship, bonding, happiness all children deserve from campus learning.

Her depression has spiked, anxiety has risen, her loneliness is extreme. Our children being forced to isolate alone at home is an injustice.

This horrific 7 months lockdown (still ongoing) is based upon Gov. Newsom's RIDICULOUS tier system and THE EQUITY COMPONENT, INTO WHICH PASADENA HAS BEEN THROWN INTO despite Pasadena having our own Health Department, despite logic, science and data.

Open the schools, OPEN MY DAUGHTER'S SCHOOL!!

Let the vulnerable and scared (teacher and students) continue online, and let the others and let MY daughter return to on-campus school! PLEASE!!!!

Many thanks,  
Tessa Nelson

Please CC: <kbarger@bos.lacounty.gov>

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