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From: City Web
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 6:03 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 1

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

Name: Ann Pearson **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena,
CA 91107

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.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Neha **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
Jespersen Ave, pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

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.

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Name: Nicole Lamb
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: 310- [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] st, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I'm writing regarding Pasadena supporting all schools to open. The mental health of our children is at stake and we need you to fight for us. Our children may be facing long term mental health problems as a result of schools being closed for so long.

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. I myself have found homeschooling to be so challenging for both my boys and I, and my anxiety level is through the roof bad where I now take medication for it. This was never something I had to do prior to covid.

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Name: Maryann Young **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena,
CA 91107

Comments:

We need schools to open. My husband's family could not speak English when he started school, here. He has frequently voiced concern for the households that are not native English speakers. He remembers his parents not being able to help him. What disservice are we doing to our community? We have spent hundreds of dollars in school supplies, routers, and upgraded internet just to give everyone access to class. What about families that are suffering financial hardships? How wide are we willing to let this socioeconomic divide grow?

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Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 8:12 PM
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Name: Brandon Young **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

You are methodically destroying our future. The policies in place and reasoning behind it are corrupt and unacceptable. They say hindsight is 2020, without looking back I can tell this is already a failure. There will be irreversible damage to our children on your watch.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 8:40 PM
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Name: Jeff Smith **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Pasadena, California 91103

Comments:

One of the challenges that all politicians consider is will my short term decisions lead to long term issues - one hopes this isn't the case, As I watch and observe the past months, I am convinced that the decisions our community leaders are making today will lead our city into severe long term crisis. Closing our schools and our businesses and not making the decision to push toward safely reopening will cause mass economic and social issues for our citizens. We are shutting down our society even though we now know that many cities in the world have opened safely- by followed good protocols.

Our city is supported by the tax revenue that is generated by business and commerce. Shutting down and not smartly reopening, businesses will fail and that revenue will disappear. When students aren't taught in person, they move to other cities that have reopened or find another solution -those left behind suffer the most.

I urge the City Council to make long term decisions that save our city from strife. Reopen safely and smartly - Reopen Today - Our Future is In Your Hands.

Be the leaders that we voted for and make a difference.

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Name: Jill Lynn **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I'm writing to you in hopes you will be able to represent my voice and others in tomorrow's meeting. My eldest is five and in Kindergarten at a private school. Her school is able to open once approved by the city. As a mother, I feel comfortable with her going back and being physically in class with her peers and teachers. my daughter is in front of her computer for almost 5 hours a day so roughly 25 hours per week. This is not good for our kids. I strongly feel we are hurting our children in the long run if we keep them from going back to school. It shouldn't matter what school they go to. All Kids should be able to go back.

How are we able to go to Costco and Target, but not allow our children go back to school in small pods with masks on. How is it OK for parks and playgrounds to be open, but not controlled environments such as our schools? I've already seen kids without masks on at the park. It's easier to spread covid on a public playground then have kids wear masks in a small group and a safe environment at school.

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Name: Kate Kohorst **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

My name is Kate Kohorst,
I'm writing regarding Pasadena supporting all schools to open.

The very essence of their childhood is being threatened and we are just idly standing by. We, are the perpetrators. By making this about politics rather than about our children, our children suffer in many ways.

To allow some day cares and day camps to open but others to not is simply not fair. What about the single mother who simply does not have the money to afford this "luxury". I know that my daughter's preschool is open... but is expensive. Not all people can afford to pay the tuition they are asking and personally I don't think its fair that the people with money are the ones who are able to send their kids to school but the people who don't have the funds don't have a chance. The big buzz word is "the widening socioeconomic gap." Well Political leaders, you are the ones leading the proverbial bandwagon on this one.

The mental health of parents also needs to be discussed. The stress a parent feels to be everything to a child can cause deep emotional stress and cause damage to the parent /child relationship.

Best

Kate Kohorst

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From: City Web
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 10:21 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item #1-covic 19 business reopening

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Name: Carmen R Reyes
Email:
Phone: --
Address: Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

My name is Carmen Reyes. I have been a member of Hot Yoga since 2003. I am writing this letter to advocate on behalf of HOT YOGA PASADENA studio. Yoga and Pilates are part of my well-being. In terms of my health they have done wonders. The three weeks that the studio opened during this pandemic, safety protocols were followed and we were able to practice Pilates and yoga in a safe manner always keeping social distancing. I urge to consider to open the studio as soon as possible. We need to continue being healthy. That studio is essential just like other businesses that were approved to be open.

Sincerely,

Carmen Reyes

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Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 10:55 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Christina			Mountain
Hildebrand			View, CA 94306

Comments:

This comment is in response to the flu vaccination requirement outlined in the Reopening Protocol for K-12 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 scientific and religious basis, to this requirement and asks for it to be withdrawn immediately.

If left in place, it must be clarified under the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)’s guidance to include a religious exemption for employees to avoid religious discrimination and under Cal/OSHA’s Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standard to allow employees to sign a statement declining any recommended vaccination. In order to create equity among employees and students and avoid widespread discrimination, these options also need to be offered to students.

If not rescinded, we ask it is altered as follows:

- Follow the Precautionary Principle: Make the flu vaccine a recommendation, not a mandate

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- Allow a religious exemption
- Allow the medical exemption to be at a doctor's discretion

These requests are supported by extensive scientific and other information outlined in our letter sent to you requesting the same.

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Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 11:26 PM
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Name: Dana Banta **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

It's essential that all Pasadena schools open immediately.

The mental health of our children as well as their parents is at stake. Our children are the future and are our priority as a community. By not attending school in person, children become isolated and fall behind, parents incur an undue burden to properly provide for their children and families become dismantled. I have seen this happen first hand within my own family as well as amongst my Pasadena-area friends. Long term, all of these factors result in greater, negative repercussions for our community.

Until September, this is what our family was going through. Since then, my children have been fortunate enough to resume in person learning. Life is infinitely better. Our children are thriving - elated to see their friends and eager to learn from trained, professional teachers. The experience of in person learning is not something we as parents could ever successfully provide to our children.

Our children are our future. Let's provide for them, support them every step of the way. Please call Kathryn Barger and demand that all Pasadena schools open immediately - public and private. In person learning is the greatest gift we can give our community.

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Name: Jimmie Banta **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

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Our children are our future. Let's give them the appropriate tools to succeed. Please call Kathryn Barger and demand that all Pasadena schools open immediately - public and private. In person learning is the greatest gift we can give our community.

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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 1:02 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Name: Kathryn Gordon
Email:
Phone:
Address: Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

I urge the City of Pasadena to open all elementary schools. Children's mental and physical health, and emotional development are compromised with each week of fully remote learning. Day camps are open; every week I get notices advertising where (for several hundred dollars) kids can do their remote learning with peers. How is this preferable to schools, where teachers and consistent cohorts provide stability, Covid-accountability, and learning?

Local pre-schools have safely re-opened; those children are thriving. Older children can comply as well in schools that meet the criteria.

Families have complied with safety measures and our local Covid numbers have fallen sharply. But when the goal posts get moved, and it seems there's no payoff for being "good soldiers," families will stop complying and begin bringing their children together. At schools there would be masks, sanitation measures, and contact tracing. The chances of people doing this in homes is far less, and contact tracing will be much harder. Compliance will collapse and the public health outcomes may be worse if schools stay closed, and our kids still will be deprived of academic and emotional development.

Please, call Kathryn Barger, and say you want ALL Pasadena schools to open.

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Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 7:33 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Name: Rob Lyddon **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

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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.

Best regards, Rob Lyddon

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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 7:56 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item open Schools and businesses

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Name: R.
Kenton Nelson
Email:
Phone: 626-
Address:
Ave., Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I was wondering if the council can receive this letter as public comment for the next council meeting today at 2:00?

I am not certain how that works with the current process:

To "The Powers That Be"

I have a daughter that is a Senior, attending Mayfield Senior School. The CDC has stated that even if my daughter caught COVID her chances of survival is 99.997%. What are you doing to these children? You have locked her up for 6 months, terrifying her. She is depressed, not learning, angry, and missing all of her friends. All of the other states have opened up. California used to be the "Land of The Free"... now it is a prison and my teenage daughter is getting the worst of it. Please open our schools?!?! If the instructors are worried let them teach on a screen... don't punish the children for the sake of your politics!

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Kenton Nelson

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Name: Noelle Burnett **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Every morning my child wakes up and cries because she hates home school. She is always happy and has turned into a grouchy and depressed little girl. With a 99.9% recovery rate for ages 0-19, there is absolutely no reason these kids can't be in school. Politics has become the driving factor in this and our kids have become the victims. How sad that the teachers unions can't see beyond their selfishness.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Hayley Boaz			..., Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I am writing to you in regards to opening all Pasadena schools. Schools can open and comply with CDC guidelines. My young children are in need of play, emotional and social engagement with others their age. It is absolutely detrimental to their social/emotional growth by keeping them at home for this long. It is time to move forward and learn to live with COVID. Please make children's intellectual and social education your priority! This is emotionally affecting parents, elementary, middle and high school students greatly. It is my hope that emotional well-being will be greatly considered in the decision to open ALL schools. Thank you for your time and service to our community!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 8:58 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 5pm meeting

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Name: Pamela **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena,
halferty CA 91107

Comments:

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Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 9:13 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Name: Celene Lyddon **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

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Name: Ryan Forrest **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Good afternoon Council, I'm asking For your support to open all Pasadena schools. All children should be the priority.

The mental health of our children is at stake and they are facing long term mental health problems as schools to continue to remain closed. Allowing them to remain closed is widening the socioeconomic gap and will cause further emotional damage.

I have watched my wife be a mother, teacher for all types of classes, and friend. The mental health of parents also needs consideration, as the village we rely on is no longer accessible. The stress a parent feels to be everything to a child causes significant emotional stress and causes damage to the parent child relationship.

Students, parents and teachers all deserve the right to choose to participate in -in person learning. Please Call Kathryn Barger,

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Iraheta, Alba

From: City Web
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 9:23 AM
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: Brando Valencia	Email: brandovalencia@live.com	Phone:	Address: _____ _____, Pasadena, CA 91101
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Comments:

Please have my email read under topic "#1 COVID 19 BUSINESS REOPENING"

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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2020 1:41 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item #1-Covi 19: business Reopening

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Name: Richard Hing **Email:** **Phone:** 818- **Address:** Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91011

Comments:

To the Pasadena City Counsel Members and all those who are listening today. "I beg you all to consider re-opening our neighborhood Yoga Studio with Val Sklar." I have been attending to her studios since 2002. (Almost 18 years)...She is a valuable asset to Pasadena and takes pride in teaching hot yoga to all her students. The cleanliness of her facilities are "five stars".& beyond. I just retired last year and having her studio re-open is truly a health benefit to me physically and mentally. Please, Please allow her "to open".. as her business is "essential to me" (going on 74) and all us seniors (young people too.) ..in our community. Thank you for you kind consideration. Sincerely, Richard Hing retired Pasadena buiness owner & long time yoga student.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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