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From: City Web
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2020 8:35 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item Item #1

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

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

Comments:

We are failing our kids and community by not allowing them to attend school in person. Why does Pasadena have its own Public Health Department if we simply follow the recommendations and restrictions of Los Angeles County, which has a population of over 10,000,000 people? Our local population is a fraction of this number! According to its Mission Statement, The City of Pasadena Public Health Department is dedicated to the physical, social and mental well-being of all who live, work, learn and play in Pasadena. The Public Health Department is failing to address these needs of its community.

Please heed the CDC's advice and allow our kids back in school! The damage being done is irreparable, especially considering the extremely low risk Covid factor for children and the low risk factor of kids transmitting the virus.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Friday, October 02, 2020 7:02 AM
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Name: Traci **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** .
IacuanIELlo , Pasadena, CA
91105

Comments:

Please reopen our schools! I am extremely discouraged by the decision the LA County Board of Supervisors made to allow schools to open pending an approved waiver, beginning with Title I schools. As a parent of a private school student, I am concerned that since my son has the “resources” to go to a private school, a priority will not be placed by the County or the City of Pasadena on returning to in-person learning. Virtual learning has been detrimental to his mental health, ability to communicate to peers and adults outside our family, and his academic learning. My son’s mental health and ability to learn in the best environment (at school) is just as valuable as any other student’s. Choices regarding my child’s health and schooling should be left up to me as his parent. I need your help to protect this.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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From: City Web
Sent: Saturday, October 03, 2020 1:59 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 1

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Mary Forrest			Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I'm writing regarding Pasadena supporting all schools to open. Our schools are prepared to do all of these 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.

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 to open its schools.

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From: City Web
Sent: Saturday, October 03, 2020 2:25 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 1

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Name: Vera Golakova-Abreu	Email:	Phone:	Address: Eagle Rock, CA 90041
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Comments:

As a long-time Eagle Rock resident, I live nearby, work, shop, and work-out in Pasadena. Please consider the necessity of opening fitness studios throughout the region. Not only does opening these establishments keep the small business economy working, it allows for your citizens to maintain good health—physically and psychologically.

Understandably, there is caution in re-opening the economy too quickly. However, during the brief window when facilities were open in June, I observed strict adherence to safety protocols—appropriate social distancing, thorough cleaning, windows/doors open, mask wearing and active monitoring by staff at my beloved yoga studio, Hot Yoga Pasadena, and at the YMCA.

These businesses take health and safety seriously—and should be respected as essential to the community's well-being.

Throughout these past months, as restrictions were lifted for large stores like Target, Vons, Walgreens and Ralphs, I have seen and experienced lax, unsafe, unsanitary protocols in these corporate entities; so much so that I avoid shopping there, preferring instead to spend my money in smaller businesses that are careful and conscientious.

The current restrictions are hurting small businesses and they are hurting our health.

Please allow the fitness community to have its outlet—and allow yoga and gyms to re-open.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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From: City Web
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 5:51 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item Agenda Number #1-Covi 19: Business Reopening

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Name: Justine Ung **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I'm asking for your consideration to designate Hot Yoga Pasadena as an essential business, allowing it to open with limited capacity and other safety measures.

My hot yoga practice has been a game changer in my health and my career as a pharmacist. Long hours of standing, repetitive tasks, and extended computer use result in persistent pain that weekly chiropractic sessions and daily pain medication could not relieve. Practicing hot yoga at the studio allowed me to stop relying on the use of pain medications and also improve my physical and mental health.

The closure of the studio for the past few months has been challenging. For the short period that the studio was allowed to open in June, I felt safe practicing with all the precautions that the studio had in place:

I, and many other members in the Hot Yoga Pasadena community, rely on this studio for the maintenance of our health and well-being. It is especially important to keep studios like hot yoga Pasadena open to help us get through this challenging time, as we need to stay strong to carry out

our essential work! Please consider making changes that allow Hot Yoga Pasadena to be in operation!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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From: City Web
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 8:00 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 1- Covid

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Name: Erika Foy **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Time and time again I have referred to the term "small town feel" when describing Pasadena and the ingrained aspect this community wants to remain in place as you consider more housing and turning our city into a more urban form. The reason this small town feeling is so important is because it is real. We have it. This feeling is being showcased right now with parents concern for children and online schooling. We all personally know kids who are suffering and need to get off the computer due to "zoom fatigue." Our kids are showing screen time burnout and the lack of socialization is leading to depression in our kids and young adults. We see it and talk about it with each other in our still "small town". The difficult part is schools and parents don't know what to do. Who do we tell our concerns? Who is going to speak up for us? It is time for our elected representatives to express to Dr. Goh and LA County Board of Supervisors that we must find a way forward for our kids. They are counting on you to speak up for them before irreversible damage is done.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 12:19 PM
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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Becky			
Walley			Altadena, CA 91001

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.

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.

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Name: Stephen Gordon McBean **Email:** **Phone:** 323- **Address:** ;
1, Arcadia, CA
91007

Comments:

Hello Pasadena City Counsel

I support the re-opening of Hot Yoga Pasadena and other yoga studios that implement all the necessary Covid safety measures. Yoga is essential for my and others physical & mental health, and doesn't pose the same risk as public gyms with common equipment. I also feel with following proper safety guidelines yoga studios are as safe as visiting a grocery store or salon.

Sincerely,
Stephen McBean

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 12:45 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Name: Angela **Email:** **Phone:** 914- **Address:**
Buchanan Rd, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

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Kindly,
Angela Buchanan

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Michael Buchanan			Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

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Name: Nicole Anido **Email:** **Address:**
Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Its time to get our kids back to school! Allow the waivers for all schools ready and willing to return. Allow those who show they can meet the small class size to return to their in person schooling, not just those that can prove a certain status deemed worthy by the Supervisors. All children deserve an in person education. These rules are forcing educators to look for loopholes. Why can certain schools to return if they call themselves "camp" or "daycare." Why can a 5 year old at preschool to return but not a 5 year old at elementary school. These rules are not making anyone safer. They are arbitrary and not unilaterally enforced. Stand up for our children and allow the waiver for ALL schools who want to return. Do not politicize our children!

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Name: Katie **Email:** **Address:**
Cowan k. 1 Pasadena, CA 91030

Comments:

I'm writing regarding Pasadena supporting all schools to open. All children should be a top priority right now.

The mental health of our children is at stake and we need you to fight for our littlest community members.

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.

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Please help!

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Name: Michelle Sutton
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Please put our children back in school!. At this time our kids have had zero social connection with any peers for over 9 months. This lack of social interaction will cause years of problems for these kids, their families, and the community. So many kids have anxiety and depression. Their mental health and education will be forever changed in an extremely unhealthy manner. I too am extremely concerned and know how dangerous covid is and it's transmission. I was against my kids going back to school. Now that I have seen the damage done to my children, I have changed my mind. I have seen my two very happy well adjusted children suffer immensely and have heard from many other people their kids are suffering too. In addition my daughter has had 3 of her best friends families move out of this area permanently due to the fact their kids cannot not go to school. They have moved to places where schools are open so their kids can have some sort of semblance of a normal life. At a minimum, please allow the youngest kids to go back to school. They are suffering the most.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Marcela Rock			Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I'm writing for Pasadena to reopen all schools. The mental and emotional state of all children should be a priority. Schools have made accommodations for children to return. They should be learning in a classroom not sitting at home behind a screen all day. Physical activity is also important and so many children have been sedentary for 6 months. This also affects their mental well being.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 2:38 PM
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Name: Lindsey Wyman **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA
91103

Comments:

I'm writing regarding Pasadena supporting all schools to open. All children should be our priority, and I believe that children need to attend school in-person in order to develop into well-rounded individuals.

My young children have been going to in-person preschool for the last few weeks and have been so happy each and every day that I pick them up. The social interaction with their peers and the material they are learning from their teachers are vital to the development of our children. I wish that ALL schools in Pasadena could be open for in-person learning. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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From: City Web
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 3:13 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item Opening All Schools in Pasadena

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Name: Susan Lyddon
Email:
Phone:
Address: Street, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I am writing in the support of our community to open all schools in Pasadena. I believe both public and private schools should be open for the students to attend.

The mental health of our children is at stake. I believe that they can no longer be isolated in their homes. It is imperative for socialization for children. They need to be in a classroom with their teachers and peers. In addition, the mental health of their parents is most important. They have to work from home, take care of their child or children and make ends meet. This has gone on too long and both the students and parents need a relief.

I am urging the City Council of Pasadena to open all schools in Pasadena. This is urgent and necessary for the benefit for all.

Regards,
Susan Lyddon

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

Martinez, Ruben

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Karen Iwamiya			ALTADENA, CA 91001

Comments:

Hi Friends, Yoga is essential. Please allow yoga studios to reopen. Thank you. Karen Iwamiya.
Business Owner.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Jean **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** , Los
Ward Angeles, CA 90041

Comments:

Members of the City Council,

I have been a customer of Hot Yoga Pasadena for almost 20 years. I know I speak for many members of our community when I say that regular yoga practice is essential to my health and well being. Hot Yoga Pasadena safely re-opened for a short period in June, as permitted by the County, with safety measures in place. In the studio during that time, the owner, Val Sklar Robinson, ensured we were physically distanced by more than 6 six feet, wore masks, and practiced yoga with the doors to the outside open to allow for ventilation. She and her staff wiped down the studio after each class. I felt 100% safe at the yoga studio with these safety measures in place; more so than I do going to Target, Vons, etc. Second to wearing masks in public, I know that I will be best protected from COVID-19 by maintaining my strength and immunity through regular and consistent yoga practice. I consider yoga critical to my health, especially during the pandemic. Hot Yoga Pasadena provides an essential service to the community and should be permitted to re-open with safety measures in place.

Thank you

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Stacey			, Altadena, California
Francis			91001

Comments:

I am writing to encourage the leaders of the City of Pasadena to consider the negative mental health effects on elementary age students while we try and navigate the pandemic. We are all taking that very seriously and schools have invested significant time and energy and finances to create a safe environment amid the pandemic but are not even being given the chance to execute the well thought out plans. Thank you for considering the entire picture while we all balance the risks and benefits of virtual learning. As a physician myself I believe the benefits of returning to in person learning outweigh the risks and am willing to accept the consequences if they do not. Thank you

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: alyson **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
pernecky Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Our children are suffering. This has gone on WAY too long. I urge the council to re-open our schools and be proactive in granting waivers to schools that have demonstrated their readiness to open. We do not need to wait for Los Angeles. Parents are asking this for the health and development of our children. Our children are falling behind and unable to stare at a screen for hours on end. Worse, they are becoming anxious and depressed. This is not something that can be fixed overnight. I personally know 5 teens that have committed suicide. I do not say this for shock value. The CDC is reporting a dramatic increase in these kinds of cases and argue children need to be in school. The virus does not know if it is in San Diego - the second largest school district in California, New York or Texas, states with large districts where schools are open. We can't only focus on the number of positive cases. We need to look at the percentages of cases as it relates to our population. Pasadena has 1.8% cases whereas I promise you 100% of the children and parents are suffering greatly with distance learning.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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