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Subject: Please add to today's council agenda in a timely manner

Dear Council & Staff.

I am not anti-mask. I wanted that clear because it is common to jump to that conclusion when anyone raises objections to unnecessary fines and regulations. I regularly wear a mask when coming in contact with people in the public sphere out of respect for others.

That said, this is a terrible idea coupled with an even more terribly written and vague staff report/recommendation.

1. New regulations should only be imposed when absolutely necessary. Voluntary mask compliance is common in Hermosa Beach and our case rates are far below the rest of the county. When outside near the beach, the science is very clear that the chance of transmission is minimal with or without masks. I've hear the council say they would follow the science so please do.

See the link below for an NPR podcast with one of the most respected epidemiologists in the world. It's a good listen on many levels. Here's a quote:

"Outdoors has its own natural air conditioning. I hear people complaining about people enjoying the beaches. Beaches are the safest places to go to unless you're cheek to jowl with someone for an extended period of time because of the air flow. The wind creates a kind of cleansing of the air."
- Michael Osterholm, University of Minnesota Epidemiologist

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2. Everytime we pass a new regulation we increase the frequency of the public's interaction with armed officers. In the very protests you have all supported, we can see the danger of increasing the public's interaction with armed officers.

3. The staff recommendation is poorly written and poorly thought out. By requiring masks "anytime we are outside of our homes" it would include when we are in the car and when exercising far distanced from other people. What would be the point in either one of those requirements? Do you really think that a single individual in their car driving creates a public risk justifying punitive regulations? Is it necessary to send armed officers out to stop a runner at 5AM when they are not coming in contact with anyone else AND the science has repeatedly determined that incidental contact is a minimal to nearly non-existent risk?

4. Please direct staff to separate recommendations that have little to do with one another in future proposed regulations. It is prima facie ridiculous to lump a resident mask regulation in with zoning changes to support businesses. It ends up confusing the public as well as wasting the valuable time of staff, council and the public. These types of confusing proposals divide the community and undermine your authority.

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Sincerely,

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