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**Subject:** Comment on REPORT 20-0484 - Face Coverings

Dear City Council,

Per the staff report, the Los Angeles County health guidance states "In line with the mandatory guidance, the Los Angeles County Health Officer issued a revised Order on the same date to require all persons to wear a face covering whenever they leave their place of residence and are or can be in contact with or walking near or past others who are non-household members in both public and private places whether indoors or outdoors."

The proposed Hermosa Beach ordinance states "All persons shall wear a face covering over both the nose and mouth whenever they leave their place of residence,"

In the Hermosa Beach ordinance, the phrase "and are or can be in contact with or walking near or past others who are non-household members" is left out, making the Hermosa Beach ordinance much stricter than county recommendations and does not allow for social distancing sans face covering.

Questions:

- Why is this stricter language being recommended?
- What is the enforcement plan?
- As a solitary walker for exercise, I bring my face covering with me at all times and have

it visible, but if there is no one in my vicinity I don't wear it. Will this behavior be cited?

- If I am alone at the beach is a face covering mandatory? Will this behavior be cited?
- When I take my trash to the curb and no one is near, will this behavior be cited?
- What happened to promoting the best way to avoid transmission is to social distance?
- If one household is visiting another household in the backyard and is keeping their social distance, are face coverings still required? Or is this ordinance just in the context of the public right of way and businesses? I think it's the latter as the title states "members of the public", but it's confusing when mixed in with "whenever they leave their place of residence".

I am all for enforcement of face coverings in outdoor congested areas and people in groups, but this seems to be a blanket order without allowing for social distancing.

I think it would be prudent to require that a face covering be taken with you and be visible when you leave your residence, like people do with waste bags for their dogs. The dog may or may not poop, but the bag is handy and visible. Same principle.

I would also support a blanket "face coverings are required" ordinance in the commercial zones as they attract more people.

People are much more likely to pass the virus to their friends they are dining with as there is no enforcement of outdoor dining across households. Every day I see new posts on my social media of friends in different households dining out sharing tables at our restaurants. Of course, this would be impossible to enforce, but we could do a better job stressing the importance of dining at a table with just your household.

Sincerely,  
Claudia Berman