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Subject: Council meeting comment re face coverings and Greenbelt

Dear Hany

A quick email to give the council a comment on the staff report regarding face coverings in response to your request as well for comment in your community first email.

I fully support face coverings and wear them with a couple exceptions. My one year old yanks them off my face and so wearing them around kids is a challenge. Consequently I scrupulously abide by distance rules when outside and with my kids. We get no closer than 6 feet to anyone outside our family bubble when outside. Also it's impossible to have my four year old wear one. He just chews on it. Allowances need to be made for kids. As well, I cannot wear one for a significant period when I run as I am asthmatic and can't breathe so I wear a mask then I pull it up when I get anywhere within 15 feet of someone when running. I have read the county's guidance on masks and believe my practice is consistent with those guidelines and a reasonable accommodation to practical concerns and safety. The staff report as written is ambiguous and seems to suggest the mask wearing outside the home is mandatory with no exceptions at least as I read it. I think there has to be clarity for people. And the current county guidelines regarding masks are consistent with WHO recommendations and should stay that way and be no more stringent than those.

On a separate note on the Greenbelt infiltration project, I support dissolution of the MOU and pursuing feasibility studies for a new site commensurate with our cities' contribution to the storm drain.

Regards,
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