

Here is a second written com for next city council meeting

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Subject: Masks Enforcement and signage requirements

Dear Mr, Jenkins
Dear Ms Lowenthal,

I walked the strand for 5 blocks this morning at 630am and was passed by 50 people between 22nd and 15th Street of which 16 people were wearing masks.

While it's a significant improvement it's still a woeful 32% compliance.

And I just made my first lap around valley park at 5:11pm. I counted 68 people and there was only one other person wearing a mask. Another senior citizen

That's a dismal 3% mask compliance. It got a little better at around 6pm with about 85 people and ~10% Mask compliance but there were 3 fairly large group activities including soccer and lacrosse where no one was wearing a mask.

I sent those photos earlier

Hermosa needs, and every city in LA county, needs to be at the 90-95% MASK compliance level according to many experts, to be able to slow the infection rate, *especially because diagnostic testing and contact tracing resources do not exist and are unlikely to exist anytime soon to handle the current Covid Community spread infection rates.*

This is a simple to understand reality as is the need to contain the infection rate with a regimine of effective mask enforcement, screening, twice weekly antigen or PCR diagnostic tests with 4-24 hour maximum test results, contact tracing, daily screening and enforcement of special event and group gathering bans In our

cities and parks.

Only then, once these containment measures are sustainably in place; only then can we begin to safely and sustainably reopen the economy.

Only then can we begin to bring COVID death rates down, begin to ameliorate serious permanent or long Covid term injury. If the person survives, reduce both the patient suffering and the suffering of their families and begin to manage the horrible unsustainable emotional and physical burden we have placed on our health care workers. Banging pots and pans is not enough.

I've been parroting the experts on this for months on all these points

Still, I have yet to see city data on even on simple things to understand things like mask compliance rates and/or goals or trends.

It's very hard to manage mask compliance when there are NO published goals, measures and trends.

And regarding the woefully low mask compliance rate I found on the strand this morning and at Valley Park this afternoon; well I did NOT see even one sign saying masks were required on the STRAND and I also didn't see one sign referencing the fines even the emergency order to wear a mask.

I did NOT see even one sign saying masks were required on the BEACH and I also didn't see one sign referencing the fines for not wearing a mask or signs referencing the emergency order

I did NOT see even one sign saying masks were required on the PLAZA and I also didn't see one sign referencing the fines for not wearing a mask; except those posted at the entrance to restaurants that applied to private property.

I did NOT see even one sign saying masks were required on the LOWER PIER AVE between Hermosa Ave and Monterey. I also didn't see one sign referencing the fines for not wearing a mask.

I saw a couple of signs near the parking spaces that the city closed off for dining that encouraged distancing but made no reference to mask requirements!!!!

I have to wonder if we are actually reaping the full benefits of the emergency order by delaying the posting of signs.

I wonder if the city is even if the city is ready to enforce the mask law or its fines.

There were no mask enforcement signs at least that you could read at VALLEY PARK.

I couldn't read the mobile sign at valley park because it's unreadable in the

morning hours because the sun was shining directly on it.

The Greenbelt had no signs at the pier Ave North entrance nor did I see any signs posted on the greenbelt itself.

NOW HERE IS THE CATCH!

Where I did finally see 4 signs saying masks were required were all within 50 yards of city hall. And even these signs didn't reference the emergency order or fines. You have to wonder what happened here.

That's not so great. Would you agree?

Now I'm not perfect and I may have missed something but signs were not posted where I entered the strand or on the beach near the strand.

And if i missed any signs they were not conspicuously posted and we are loosing Covid community containment in LA county.

And since you opted to limit mask enforcement to selected areas it follows that signage is even more important. No?

When will signs be posted?

Where will these signs be posted?

What must they say to provide adequate notification?

what are the mask compliance goals?

Where do we stand on this and how is this trending?

If we can't move the compliance dial quickly enough is the city willing to send a message by closing the beaches, strand and parks for a weekend and if that fails then for a week?

What is quickly enough?

How much regular antigen testing is being done at restaurants and construction job sites in hermosa as described above and what are the goals, measures and trends?

Mr Jenkins,

To enforce the mask laws with fines shouldn't that require reasonable signage that at least clearly designates you are entering a mask enforcement zone and reference the emergency order?

I apologize if you covered reasonable signage standards In the 29 July council meeting but closed captioning wasn't working and I am hearing disabled.

Ms Lowenthal,

I know sometimes talking runs ahead of doing and I'm as guilty as anyone.

BUT I believe you said in the July 29th Council Meeting that you had the signage ready that would allow enforcement of the mask laws.

With my hearing I can never be sure

So I ask you when will those signs be posted at all required locations to enforce the Cities emergency order or do you consider that no additional signage is required?

Normally I wouldn't expect the city to have the signage in place within 10 days but this is an Emergency Order, the restaurants had no trouble acquiring and setting up the space for outside dining and the city seemed to be able to open up and configure the parking spaces for tables but priority seems to have not been given to proper signage to enforce the emergency order.

Thank you for considering this.

Anthony Higgins