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**Submitted by: Laura Kiely
Position: Not Provided
Received: 04-21-2020 11:03 AM**

Agenda Item:

MANHATTAN BEACH'S CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU!

Comment:

Please do not open (or pressure LA County to reopen) the beach and parks until public health officials and disease control experts say it is safe to reopen

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**Submitted by: Mike Michalski
Position: Support
Received: 04-21-2020 02:31 PM**

Agenda Item:

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comment:

I support opening the parks with face masks and social distancing, much like Hermosa and our own green belt. Also, our small businesses are being bankrupted - please consider ways to assist them in opening as well with protocols in line with what large stores like grocers are already using.

Submitted by: Laura Kiely
Position: Not Provided
Received: 04-21-2020 11:08 AM

Agenda Item:

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comment:

Please do not reopen the beach (or pressure LA County to open the beach) and parks until health officials and disease control experts deem it safe to do so. More people congregating means more virus spread.

Submitted by: Erin Fleming
Position: Neutral
Received: 04-21-2020 01:41 AM

Agenda Item:

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comment:

Please consider the discussion on how to open all businesses with appropriate safeguards....our current mode of business is completely unfair to small businesses who could also follow the same guidelines that such businesses as Target and Costco and others are following, in regards to safe distancing. Also, discuss opening green areas for safe distance-outside activity, as well as our beaches and pools.

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**Submitted by: Olivia Roth
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-20-2020 01:37 PM**

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C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comment:

Please see my attached response.

(See attachment.)

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**Submitted by: Kim Riley
Position: Support
Received: 04-20-2020 01:26 PM**

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C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comment:

I am in support if we can be guaranteed that there is a strict enforcement to wear a mask.

Submitted by: Carissa Ritchey
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-20-2020 09:31 AM

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C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comment:

It's much too soon to consider re-opening parks and public spaces. Far too few people are mindful of social distancing. This will lead to a spike in occurrences of Covid in our little town. It does a TERRIBLE disservice to healthcare workers who are risking their lives on our behalf. Already our streets, with families and kids on bikes, all w/o a mask, look like a typical Spring Break... Honor the work the healthcare workers are doing and let's flatten the curve for another few weeks - please.

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**Submitted by: Mike Michalski
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-21-2020 02:36 PM**

Agenda Item:

2. City Council to Consider Additional Measures to Address COVID-19, Including Consideration of Required Facial Coverings.

Comment:

I am opposed to wearing facial coverings outside but if that's what is needed in order to open the parks, then I would prefer that to not opening the parks at all. But outside of the parks, I am opposed to it. I prefer the greenbelt idea where it is encouraged.

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**Submitted by: Victoria SM
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-21-2020 11:56 AM**

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Comment:

I'm opposed to mandating mask wearing when outdoors while exercising. Even though there is increased respiration while exercising, there is plenty of space to social distance effectively. Please reconsider this restrictive order that is even more restrictive than what the CDC recommends. Thanks.

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**Submitted by: Candice Witek
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-21-2020 11:40 AM**

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**Submitted by: Bob Daviduk
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-21-2020 11:08 AM**

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2. City Council to Consider Additional Measures to Address COVID-19, Including Consideration of Required Facial Coverings.

Comment:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the proposed requirement to wear face masks outdoors. It's beyond government overreach and there is no sound science that anybody has contracted COVID-19 by simply being outdoors. Enforce the current restrictions for social distancing and don't further impair the freedoms of residents of Manhattan Beach. There have only been 2 new cases reported over the past 5 days without this requirement. High risk individuals can opt to wear a face covering when outdoors.

Submitted by: Tom HH
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-21-2020 10:50 AM

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Comment:

NO MORE of this intrusive government overreach. People are fed up. Recently published studies from USC and Stanford medical schools show that number of county residents with covid19 antibodies is 30-80 times LARGER than the reported covid "cases" , yet they had few or no symptoms. Therefore RATE of serious illnesses or deaths is vastly LOWER than news reports. That does not justify lock downs, closing businesses, parks, and beaches.

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**Submitted by: Jeanne Draves
Position: Not Provided
Received: 04-21-2020 08:31 AM**

Agenda Item:

2. City Council to Consider Additional Measures to Address COVID-19, Including Consideration of Required Facial Coverings.

Comment:

If you open up more outdoor spaces in MB (Strand, Polliwog Park, school yards, etc), then we can exercise with plenty of social distancing. No need to require masks. Requiring masks is a government overreach ... allow us to make these decisions for ourselves, as we know how to take care of our neighbors and family.

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**Submitted by: Denny Gregory
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-21-2020 07:11 AM**

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Comment:

Requirement to wear mask anytime you are outside is unnecessary as long as distance requirements are observed.

Submitted by: Erin Fleming
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-21-2020 01:27 AM

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Comment:

I strongly OPPOSE face mask requirement while exercising outdoors.

I believe this item has been put onto the agenda because of the social media buzz about an UNPUBLISHED study. This study has NOT been reviewed by peers and does not take into account the movement of air that happens continually when we are outside.

To maintain immunity, physical health, and mental health people need to be outdoors and exercising. Allow people to CHOOSE to wear a face mask, do NOT require it.

(See attachments.)

Submitted by: Mr L.G.
Position: Support
Received: 04-20-2020 11:04 AM

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Comment:

I support the use of masks - if persons who are exercising do not wear one - PLEASE maintain your distance at intersections, on sidewalks etc, don't come up behind someone and invade their 6 feet, PLEASE don't ruin it for everyone. I know it is difficult with so many areas closed that sidewalks and streets are the only places we all have. Leaders could help by setting aside specific places and/or times for runners. Many streets are hardly used now, can some be pedestrian or bikes only?

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**Submitted by: Kathy Beckwith
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-20-2020 10:35 PM**

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Comment:

No. Essential business can mandate this temporarily for safety. To mandate this in outdoor settings is unreasonable. It should be a choice. Focus on a plan to open businesses and parks.

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**Submitted by: Joseph Fusco
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-20-2020 10:17 PM**

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Comment:

Terrible idea. As far as I know no one in Manhattan Beach has died from Covid-19. What's next? Banning people from going out in public? Forget this and reopen the parks and Strand.

Submitted by: Randy Feldman
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-20-2020 09:54 PM

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Comment:

I am fully supportive of masks when used appropriately--to help reduce the spread of covid when social distancing becomes logistically difficult (supermarket checkout, for example). Wearing a mask to simply be outside alone serves no purpose. Using a mask while exercising risks the mask becoming wet from perspiration and moisture from ones breath; a wet mask is rendered useless. The CDC recommends face coverings only "where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain."

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**Submitted by: Laura Parker
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-20-2020 09:35 PM**

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Comment:

I agree that facial coverings should be required when at an essential business. I am opposed to requiring facial coverings when outdoors unless the Council opens parks, beaches, tennis courts, schoolyards etc to the public. If no outdoor facilities are open anyway it seems unnecessary, heavy handed and overly intrusive to require facial coverings while on your own street/neighborhood. If you open outdoor public facilities I would support required public facial covering. Thank you.

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**Submitted by: Stephen Harrington
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-20-2020 09:05 PM**

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Comment:

**There is no science which supports wearing masks. It is simply a placebo.
Enough with the government overreach.**

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**Submitted by: Albert Roth
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-20-2020 08:47 PM**

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Comment:

I agree with Laura's comments: Requiring face masks for exercise discriminates against people with asthma and other breathing issues & isn't required by the public health order. LA Public Health Director Ferrer said they weren't required for exercise because they interfere with breathing; that they are only required & helpful when a person is in close contact with others. Please don't impose this discriminatory requirement.

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Submitted by: Laura Mecoy
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-20-2020 06:27 PM

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**Submitted by: Robert Draves
Position: Oppose
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Comment:

The original concern about hospitals being overwhelmed is in the past. It is now time to begin to open public areas of the city. The parks and school fields should be first to open with reasonable requirements. Additional face covering actions are not needed. (Note Valley Park in Hermosa has been open this whole time, with appropriate restrictions).

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**Submitted by: Noelle Merritt
Position: Not Provided
Received: 04-20-2020 10:52 AM**

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Comment:

I am supportive of the facial covering requirements outlined in the City of Manhattan Beach press release from 4/15/20 but don't believe additional requirements are necessary. I'd also like the Council to consider re-opening certain parks/walkways - if only for limited hours and/or for specific activities. And I support working with LA County to open our beach - again, perhaps with limited hours/activities and of course requiring appropriate physical distancing.

Submitted by: Carissa Ritchey
Position: Support
Received: 04-20-2020 09:28 AM

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Comment:

My daughter and I went out on Saturday and were appalled at the number of people NOT wearing masks AND not being mindful of personal space. I'm not ridiculously paranoid, but I do believe in being careful/conscientious of others. A mom had on a mask and her children didn't, small kids on bikes with their parents didn't have them on. I had to stop running because people aren't mindful of social distancing while running without a mask (I admit, it's hard). Please consider this for the short term.

Submitted by: Lynn CC
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-21-2020 06:07 PM

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Comment:

I'm opposed to the City Council requiring facial coverings. The City has been doing a tremendous job of keeping the residents of MB informed about Covid-19's affect on our city, LA County, CA & the nation. It's thus appropriate to allow the residents to use that info to make responsible & considerate decisions as regards their behavior, including the use of facial coverings, while also considering their own unique circumstances. (e.g. a person out exercising when most people are still sleeping.)

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**Submitted by: Will Shepler
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-21-2020 06:05 PM**

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Comment:

Unnecessary restriction. Businesses can enforce, but this is not needed for outdoor space. Kids playing in the street? Walking your dog at 6am? This is overreach.

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**Submitted by: Stu Johnson
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-21-2020 05:21 PM**

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Comment:

We locked things down to ensure our hospital and health care providers were not overwhelmed, not to prevent a single additional instance of the virus being transmitted (which is impossible). Our hospitals are not overwhelmed, and the curve has been flattened. It's time to move things back toward normalcy as best we can, with the understanding that additional measures may be required if another spike occurs.

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**Submitted by: Art Grasso
Position: Oppose
Received: 04-21-2020 05:16 PM**

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Comment:

(Regarding face masks in public) We live in a community with highly intelligent responsible people. I think by now we the people understand the gravity of the situation and don't need another government over-reach restriction. We get it. My father is 94 years old and still lives in Manhattan Beach. We take precautions around him as he does and is doing fine. Stop with the heavy handedness.

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