

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PUBLIC COMMENT:

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During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, July 07, 2020, Susan Nash spoke regarding a new study on a federal mask mandate could slow the rate of coronavirus infections.

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Subject: July 7 2020 Item 16 Public Comment on COVID-19 and Face Masks (Susan Nash)

Good morning,

Forwarding Ms. Nash's email received via COB for the July 7, 2020 Board Meeting.

This will be included with the Public Comment Agenda Back-up.

Thank you kindly, and please have a nice day,

Sue Maxwell

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-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Nash <snashlaw@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:32 PM

To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: Still Confused About Masks? Here's the Science Behind How Face Masks Prevent Coronavirus | UC San Francisco

Please pass this on to all supervisors for next board meeting agenda

Board members:

Read this and Make an item on the agenda To directly order all employees of the sheriff's department to follow the state orders on masks and to enforce this state law at all times.

If the chief law enforcement officer in the county openly flouts the law, no wonder people are confused and refuse to wear a mask. If the sheriff does not care about his fellow citizens why anyone else?

Please have the sheriff on zoom video with a mask vowing to both follow and enforce the state masking law

I know you will find a 100% increase in masking compliance.

The sheriff should do the public service announcements.

Peace

Sue Nash

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July 7, 2020 Item 16 Public Comment via COB Web Comment on Mask Requirement (Susan Nash):

(1) The Riverside County Public Health Officer must reinstate the County mask requirement immediately. Before the state acted, Dr. Kaiser closed bars. Now, even though the state has acted, Dr. Kaiser must require masks. Your own public health page currently has a video with two doctors saying that if everyone wore masks all the time, there is a 90% reduction new cases, which means a 90% reduction in new deaths. We cannot depend on the state to waiver once again on mask requirements, but must maintain our own. This is even more important than just closing bars.

(2) The County Sheriff and Chief Deputy must do a similar video for the public Health page (wearing masks) clearly stating (regardless of what they may have said in the past) that masks are now required by both state and county law and that these laws will be both followed by and enforced by the Sheriff, to the full extent of the law. The sheriff's job is to save lives and masks save lives.

(3) A new study by the Wall Street firm Goldman Sachs found a federal mask mandate could slow the rate of coronavirus infection and prevent new lockdowns, avoiding a 5% drop in gross domestic product worth a staggering \$1 trillion to the U.S. economy. It is clear that if Riverside County had kept the mask requirement in place when it began opening up the economy, we would not now be closing down businesses and we would have a 90% reduction in new deaths.

(4) Why was the County building closed? Were any of the County staff who contracted COVID-19 in the BOS, Clerk of the Board or attended any open Board meetings. You can and should reveal this information without exposing private information. The public needs to know how the Sheriff and Board's refusal to mask and protect others may have affected the BOS, the Clerk of the Board, other County staff, as well as members of the public.

July 7, 2020 Item No 3.19 Public Comment via COB Web Comment on School Law Enforcement (Susan Nash):

This and all law enforcement school contracts should be denied and/or revoked and re-thought. The Board of Supervisors and the Riverside County Department of Public Schools, as so many public and private schools across CA and the country, must remove armed law enforcement from all of our school campuses. In general, this is not the best use of precious and limited education dollars. This \$1,877,580 million dollars could be better spent on education personal doing the same jobs and better.

In particular, the Riverside County Sheriff has publicly told the Board of Supervisors that his Department will not obey or enforce any County, State or federal face covering laws, meant to control the spread of COVID-19, depending on their "personal preference". In addition, the Sheriff proclaimed the Board of Supervisors had absolutely no control over the Sheriff or his Department in any way shape or form, despite numerous citations from state law by County Counsel to the contrary.

Do we really want to pay armed deputies, who have no respect for the law and obey and enforce it at the whims of their personal preferences, in our school (from Headstart to San Jacinto High School) teaching police science classes and patrolling school campuses to maintain order by being a visual deterrent to aberrant behavior?

The Board of Supervisors needs to discuss closely with the BOS Riverside Department of Public Schools and the BOS Sheriff's Department several questions:

- (1) whether you want armed police on our school campuses?
- (2) If so, what should be the limits of their duties?
- (3) If so, whether this Sheriff Department, which has shown a flagrant disregard for the law and for the Board of Supervisors, can be trusted to have an armed presence on our school campuses where our precious children are trying to learn to be good law-abiding citizens.

July 7, 2020 Item No 2.4 Public Comment via COB Web Comment on CARES Act (Susan Nash):

Questions re: ATTACHMENT C - CARES estimated expenses.

1. What is the DA spending \$6 million on?
2. Why does Public Health only get \$1.75 million?
3. Why does the public defender need \$2 million?
4. How is the County jails using their \$17 million?
5. What is the \$8 million DA Banning capital project and how is it related to COVID?
6. How is the \$18 million RUHS Behavioral Health Campus capital project related to COVID?

Is the Sheriff Department still refusing to wear or enforce masking? If so, does it occur to you that the rates of infections and deaths steadily increasing in Riverside County and the refusal of so many people refusing to wear masks, per the Sherriff's example, might be related?

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