DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, August 24, 2020
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

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II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

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IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

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2. Final Action dated August 19, 2020

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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14. This is the City Council the City of Lincoln deserves - Marcie Strahm

VII. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE: **The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.**

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of AFINAL ACTION@. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.**

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

For the protection of all those involved, the Planning Commission will be allowing testimony on agenda items by videoconferencing. For those who wish to testify by video, you must register with the Planning Department Office to participate by calling 402-441-7491 or emailing Plan@lincoln.ne.gov by 10:00 a.m. the day of the meeting. You will be asked to provide your name, address, phone number and the agenda item(s) you wish to speak on, and your position on this item. On the day of the hearing, you will receive a link via email, which will be needed to join the hearing to provide your testimony.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020

<u>[Commissioners Finnegan and Scheer absent]</u>

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 5, 2020. **<u>**APPROVED: 5-0; (Corr abstained; Finnegan and Scheer absent)**</u>**

1. <u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u>
<u>(Public Hearing and Administrative Action);</u>

<u>CHANGE OF ZONE:</u>

1.1 CHANGE OF ZONE 20022, from P (Public District) and I-1 (Industrial District) to O-1 (Office District) and from P to I-1, on property generally located on J Street between S. 6th Street and S. 9th Street.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
<u>Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 5-0; Joy abstained;</u>

Finnegan and Scheer absent. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PERMITS:

1.2 SPECIAL PERMIT 04009A, to revise the land use and site layout, with waivers to setbacks, on property generally located at 2110 North 86th Street.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, rjones@lincoln.ne.gov
This application was removed from the Consent Agenda for public hearing. Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 5-0, (Joy abstained, Finnegan and Scheer absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated August 10, 2020, Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

1.3 SPECIAL PERMIT 09022D, to increase the maximum floor area for the motorized vehicle sales and service use by 15,000 square feet, on property generally located at 3201 Yankee Hill Road. ***FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, rjones@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated August 6, 2020: 5-0; Joy abstained, Finnegan and Scheer absent. Resolution PC-01719.

1.4 SPECIAL PERMIT 20025, to allow for the extension of an existing garage with side setback waiver, on property generally located at 3810 B Street. ***FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated August 6, 2020: 5-0; Joy abstained, Finnegan and Scheer absent. Resolution PC-01720.

STREET & ALLEY VACATION:

1.5 STREET & ALLEY VACATION 20003, to vacate all of W. View Avenue from the west right of way line of S.W. 32nd Street westward on property generally located at 235 SW 32nd Street.
Staff recommendation: Conforms to the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 5-0 (Joy abstained; Finnegan and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council will be scheduled when the provisions of Chapter 14.20 of the Lincoln Municipal have been satisfied.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: See Item 1.2.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE AND RELATED ITEMS:

4.1a CHANGE OF ZONE 20025, from R-1 (Residential District) to O-3 (Office Park District), on property generally located at South 61st Street and Old Cheney Road.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 6-0; Finnegan and Scheer absent. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

4.1b SPECIAL PERMIT 1786B, to amend the existing CUP (Community Unit Plan) for approximately 67 dwelling units, with a waiver to block length, on property generally located at South 61st Street and Old Cheney Road. *****FINAL ACTION *****
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the amended staff report dated August 6, 2020, as offered on behalf of the applicant: 6-0; Finnegan and Scheer absent. Resolution PC-01721.

4.1c USE PERMIT 20009, to allow for a 1-lot use permit for a single building containing up to 25,000 square feet of commercial floor area, on property generally located at South 61st Street and Old Cheney Road. *****FINAL ACTION *****
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated August 3, 2020: 6-0; Finnegan and Scheer absent. Resolution PC-01722.

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FOR ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

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Adjournment **2:48 p.m.**

PENDING LIST: *None.*

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird
Lincoln City Council

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

DATE: August 19, 2020

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: August 19, 2020

Please be advised that on August 19, 2020, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

Resolution PC-01719, approving **SPECIAL PERMIT 09022D,** to increase the maximum floor area for the motorized vehicle sales and service use by 15,000 square feet, on property legally described as Lot 1, Wilderness Place Addition, located in the NW 1/4 of Section 30-9-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 3201 Yankee Hill Road;

Resolution PC-01720, approving **SPECIAL PERMIT 20025,** to allow for the extension of an existing garage with side setback waiver, on property legally described as Lot 7, Block 4, Brownbuilt Addition, located in the SE 1/4 of Section 30-10-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 3810 B Street;

Resolution PC-01721, approving **SPECIAL PERMIT 1786B,** to amend the existing CUP (Community Unit Plan) for approximately 67 dwelling units, with a waiver to block length, on property legally described as Lots 1-4, Block 1, Lots 1-5, Block 2, Lots 1-3, Block 3, Outlots A, B and C, all in Black Forest Estates Addition; Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Black Forest Estates 1st Addition; Lot 1, Outlots B, C and D, Black Forest Estates 2nd Addition; a portion of Lot 2, and a portion of Outlot B, Black Forest Estates 2nd Addition, all located in the S 1/2 of Section 9-9-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at South 61st Street and Old Cheney Road; and

Resolution PC-01722, approving **USE PERMIT 20009,** to allow for a 1-lot use permit for a single building containing up to 25,000 square feet of commercial floor area, on property legally described as a portion of Lot 2, a portion of Outlot A, Black Forest Estates 2nd Addition, located in the SW 1/4 of Section 9-9-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at South 61st Street and Old Cheney Road.

The Planning Commission action on this application is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the Planning Department within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = PATS). Use the Search “Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP09022D, SP20025, SP1786B, UP20009). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in “Related Documents” under the application number.

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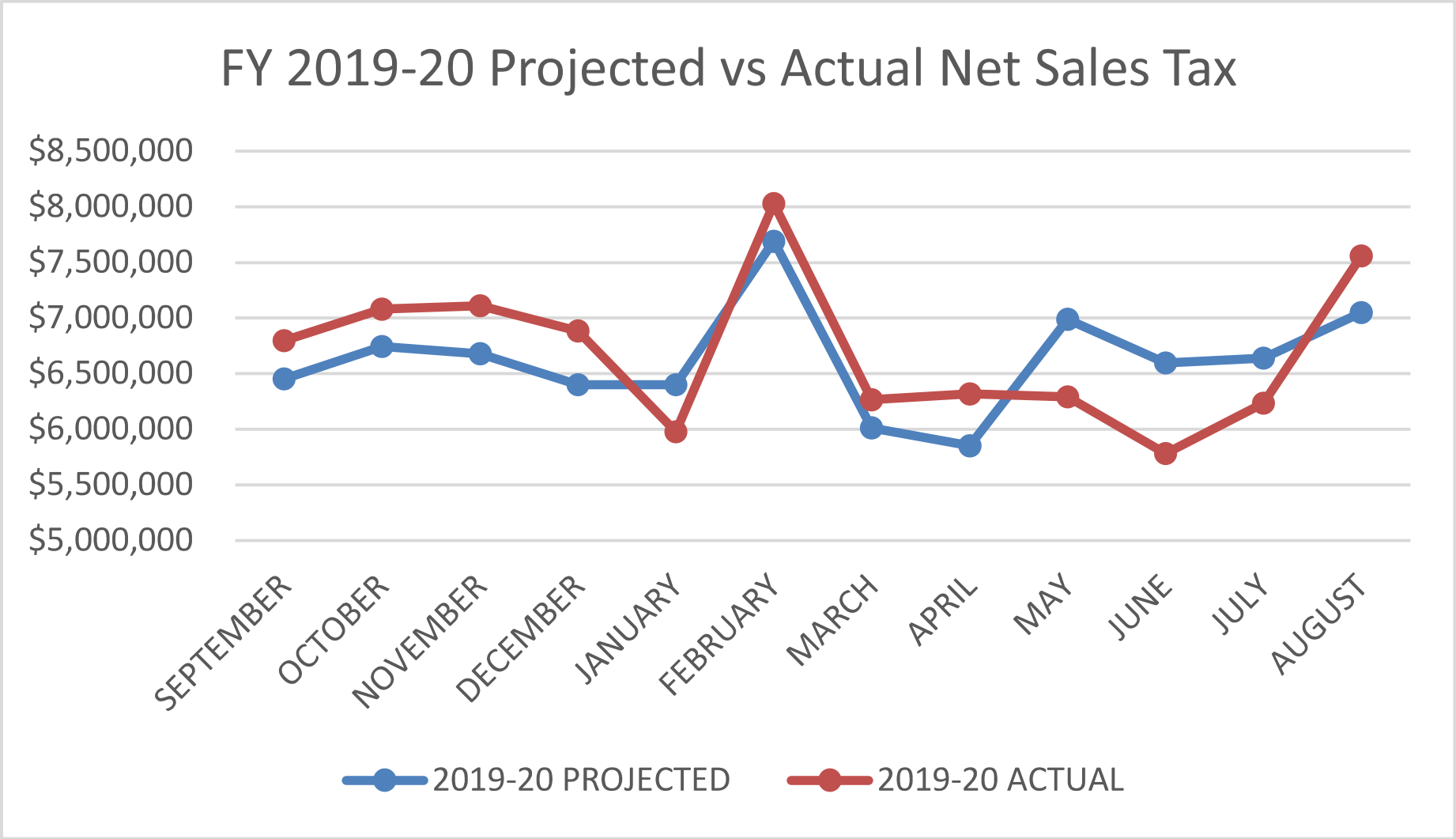
FY 2019-20 Projected vs Actual Net Sales Tax
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JULY
AUGUST
2019-20 PROJECTED
2019-20 ACTUAL

Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections

	2019-20 PROJECTED	2019-20 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	$ CHANGE FR. 18-19	% CHANGE FR. 18-19
SEPTEMBER	$6,455,152	$6,799,287	$344,135	$395,048	6.17%
OCTOBER	$6,745,501	$7,079,014	$333,513	$269,098	3.95%
NOVEMBER	$6,680,185	$7,111,129	$430,944	$476,630	7.18%
DECEMBER	$6,400,511	$6,883,710	$483,199	$448,407	6.97%
JANUARY	$6,399,290	$5,979,671	($419,619)	($194,968)	-3.16%
FEBRUARY	$7,692,336	$8,029,753	$337,417	$676,700	9.20%
MARCH	$6,014,461	$6,266,880	$252,419	$325,557	5.48%
APRIL	$5,853,915	$6,319,319	$465,404	$764,075	13.75%
MAY	$6,989,551	$6,293,302	($696,249)	($288,699)	-4.39%
JUNE	$6,595,173	$5,783,236	($811,937)	($925,572)	-13.80%
JULY	$6,641,288	$6,236,829	($404,459)	($537,399)	-7.93%
AUGUST	$7,049,125	$7,561,209	$512,084	$371,026	5.16%
TOTAL	$79,516,488	$80,343,339	$826,851	$1,779,903	2.27%

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 1.04% over projections for the year.

CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS (WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2015-2016 THROUGH 2019-2020

	ACTUAL 2015-16	ACTUAL 2016-17	ACTUAL 2017-18	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2018-19	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2019-20	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	$6,041,963	$6,265,764	$6,386,734	1.93%	$6,457,192	1.10%	$6,927,862	7.29%
OCTOBER	$6,089,519	$6,598,756	$6,811,452	3.22%	$6,817,440	0.09%	$7,116,483	4.39%
NOVEMBER	$6,266,119	$6,471,721	$6,537,754	1.02%	$6,637,486	1.53%	$7,146,575	7.67%
DECEMBER	$5,876,792	$6,128,386	$6,371,026	3.96%	$6,493,888	1.93%	$6,897,823	6.22%
JANUARY	$5,651,337	$6,285,444	$6,432,363	2.34%	$6,516,808	1.31%	$6,776,561	3.99%
FEBRUARY	$7,137,154	$7,293,928	$7,459,132	2.26%	$7,386,107	-0.98%	$8,118,745	9.92%
MARCH	$5,392,157	$5,521,761	$5,930,406	7.40%	$5,981,967	0.87%	$6,303,510	5.38%
APRIL	$5,426,539	$5,639,028	$5,618,037	-0.37%	$5,586,708	-0.56%	$6,350,301	13.67%
MAY	$6,494,521	$6,708,815	$6,759,407	0.75%	$6,623,556	-2.01%	$6,308,611	-4.75%
JUNE	$6,030,654	$6,255,952	$6,325,718	1.12%	$6,721,994	6.26%	$5,793,431	-13.81%
JULY	$6,000,464	$6,440,709	$6,644,137	3.16%	$6,804,001	2.41%	$6,282,775	-7.66%
AUGUST	$6,657,168	$6,736,493	$6,770,977	0.51%	$7,199,568	6.33%	$7,595,398	5.50%
TOTAL	$73,064,387	$76,346,757	$78,047,143	2.23%	$79,226,715	1.51%	$81,618,075	3.02%

CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2016-2017 THROUGH 2020-2021

	ACTUAL 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2017-2018	ACTUAL 2018-2019	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2019-2020	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2020-2021	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	($217,212)	($98,235)	($52,954)	-46.09%	($128,575)	142.81%	($22,314)	-82.65%
OCTOBER	($31,712)	($30,920)	($7,524)	-75.66%	($37,469)	397.97%		
NOVEMBER	($81,460)	($923)	($2,944)	218.96%	($35,446)	1104.01%		
DECEMBER	($79,179)	($46,365)	($58,585)	26.36%	($14,114)	-75.91%		
JANUARY	($294,431)	($379,926)	($342,169)	-9.94%	($796,890)	132.89%		
FEBRUARY	($90,752)	($719)	($33,054)	4497.22%	($88,992)	169.23%		
MARCH	($92,105)	($49,445)	($40,643)	-17.80%	($36,630)	-9.87%		
APRIL	($29,707)	($41,280)	($31,464)	-23.78%	($30,982)	-1.53%		
MAY	($67,726)	($91,272)	($41,555)	-54.47%	($15,309)	-63.16%		
JUNE	($83,394)	($51,268)	($13,186)	-74.28%	($10,195)	-22.68%		
JULY	($1,932)	($347,486)	($29,772)	-91.43%	($45,946)	54.32%		
AUGUST	($17,202)	($96,471)	($9,385)	-90.27%	($34,190)	264.30%		
TOTAL	($1,086,812)	($1,234,310)	($663,236)	-46.27%	($1,274,738)	0.00%	($22,314)	-82.65%
						Year to date vs. previous year		Year to date vs. previous year

CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2015-2016 THROUGH 2019-2020

	ACTUAL 2015-16	ACTUAL 2016-17	ACTUAL 2017-18	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2018-19	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2019-20	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	$5,936,184	$6,048,552	$6,288,498	3.97%	$6,404,239	1.84%	$6,799,287	6.17%
OCTOBER	$5,995,177	$6,567,045	$6,780,531	3.25%	$6,809,916	0.43%	$7,079,014	3.95%
NOVEMBER	$6,182,565	$6,390,261	$6,536,831	2.29%	$6,634,499	1.49%	$7,111,129	7.18%
DECEMBER	$5,833,168	$6,049,207	$6,324,661	4.55%	$6,435,303	1.75%	$6,883,710	6.97%
JANUARY	$5,553,027	$5,991,013	$6,052,437	1.03%	$6,174,639	2.02%	$5,979,671	-3.16%
FEBRUARY	$6,860,675	$7,203,175	$7,458,413	3.54%	$7,353,053	-1.41%	$8,029,753	9.20%
MARCH	$5,352,537	$5,429,656	$5,880,960	8.31%	$5,941,323	1.03%	$6,266,880	5.48%
APRIL	$5,350,744	$5,609,320	$5,576,757	-0.58%	$5,555,244	-0.39%	$6,319,319	13.75%
MAY	$6,389,224	$6,641,089	$6,668,135	0.41%	$6,582,001	-1.29%	$6,293,302	-4.39%
JUNE	$5,878,601	$6,172,558	$6,274,450	1.65%	$6,708,808	6.92%	$5,783,236	-13.80%
JULY	$5,945,175	$6,438,777	$6,296,651	-2.21%	$6,774,229	7.58%	$6,236,829	-7.93%
AUGUST	$6,344,640	$6,719,292	$6,674,506	-0.67%	$7,190,183	7.73%	$7,561,209	5.16%
TOTAL	$71,621,717	$75,259,945	$76,812,830	2.06%	$78,563,436	2.28%	$80,343,339	2.27%

Year to date vs. previous year

Samuel W. Flint
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Mr Roy Christensen
At-Large Member, Lincoln City Council
555 So 10th St, Room 111
Lincoln, NE 68508

12 August 2020

On Lincoln Municipal Code §10.32.190

Dear Mr Christensen,

Our present state, that is, pandemic, presents a number of existing challenges to many parts of our lives. In particular, it has changed how and where we work, and the frequency and extent of our travel. This is manifest as many of us now work from home, and therefore are no longer leaving our houses frequently.

Lincoln Municipal Code §10.32.190 currently reads "It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle or to permit such vehicle to stand on one side of a street within a block for a period longer than twenty-four hours." This ordinance does not differentiate between residential and non-residential streets, and thus ought be applied equally. Yet, due to our present situation, application in residential areas is problematic.

Because of this, we request that you consider i) suspending enforcement of this provision through the remainder of the pandemic; ii) in preparation for potential future changes, modifying LMC §10.32.190 to differentiate between residential and non-residential areas, and iii) the utility of such a law in the first place.

Yours very truly,

Samuel W. Flint Joshua Carlson Kaleb Gaar

Samuel Hansen

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4610 Van Dorn Street
Lincoln, NE 68506
August 11, 2020

Richard Meginnes
Bennie Shobe
Sandra Washington
Tammy Ward
James Michael Bowers
Jane Raybould
Roy Christensen
Lincoln City Council
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Fare Free StarTran

Dear Council Members:

I'm afraid my important message to you on August 3, 2020 may have been drowned out by the beat of the Black Lives Matters drums.

I'm enclosing an article from the August 7, 2020, Lincoln Journal Star that repeats a statistic given in an earlier article I sent to you about the estimate that 40% of those now out of work will have no jobs to return to. This was borne out in another story about the Marriott Hotel wanting to get its appraised value reduced because of lack of hotel guests.In that article it was stated that the Marriott had just converted 40 positions they had classified as temporary layoffs to permanent termination of employment.

We have a lot of ciitizens struggling financially and they will need free StarTran transportation to go to job interviews, ride to and from work, travel to Food Bank for food, keep medical appointments, visit relatives and other purposes. This isn't going to go away soon.

If we make Fare Free StarTran permanent it will help Lincoln recruit new enterprises and retain educated milleniels who surveys show want to live in communities with good public transit.

I have tried everything I can to get StarTran to furnish you with the dollar amount of the

savings it will realize by not charging fares. I hope these figures are finally forthcoming. By going Fare Free the city will not lose the $870,000 per year but a much lesser amount when the cost savings are figured in.

StarTran drivers tell me that when fares were charged **90% of the disputes between drivers and riders involved payment of fares.** That cause of friction would be removed if riders ride free.

Fare Free needs to be a permanent policy for the City of Lincoln in order to promote long-term recovery from the pandemic and make our city a shining example for those who want to come and locate here.

CFIT asks you to carefully consider the issue and adopt a permaent Fare Free policy for StarTran.

Very truly yours,

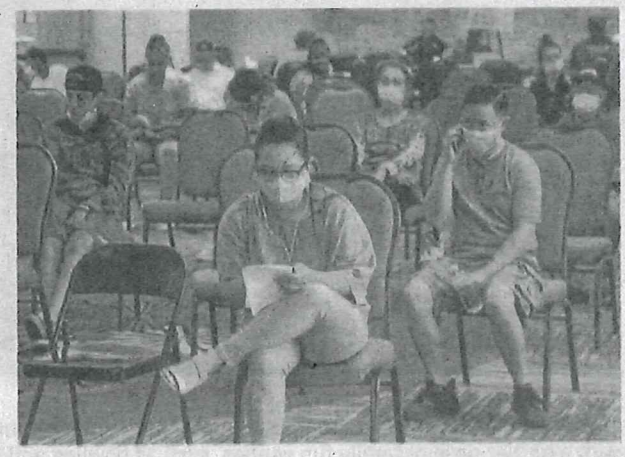
RICHARD L. SCHMELING
President
Citizens For Improved Transit

Encl. - Article from 8~~0~~3-20 Lincoln Journal STar

8-7-20 Lincoln Journal Star

Are some jobs gone?

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
Associated Press



SUE OGROCKI, ASSOCIATED PRESS

People wait to speak with representatives from the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission about unemployment claims last month in Midwest City, Okla.

WASHINGTON – Stark evidence of the damage the resurgent viral outbreak has caused the U.S. economy could come Friday when the government is expected to report that the pace of hiring has slowed significantly after a brief rebound in the spring.

As the coronavirus continues to transform a vast swath of the economy, it's becoming evident that millions of Americans face the prospect of a permanent job loss that will force some to seek work with new industries or in new occupations. If so, that would lead to a slower recovery in the job market than if restaurants, hotels, bars and retail shops were able to fully reopen and recall all their laid-off employees. Few expect that to happen.

On Friday, economists expect the government to report that employers added 1.6 million jobs in July, according to data provider FactSet, and that the unemployment rate declined from 11.1% to a still-high 10.5%. At any other time, a million or more jobs would constitute an unheard-of increase. But July's expected gain would fall way short of June's 4.8 million increase and would signal that hiring has sharply slowed. It would also mean that the economy has regained barely 40% of the jobs that fell to the coronavirus.

The pandemic has lasted

3141 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, NE 68503

August 18, 2020

Mayor Baird
Lincoln City Council Members
County-City Building
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Baird and Lincoln City Council Members,

Hoping that you might be curious for feed-back from your citizens in regard to interactions with the City of Lincoln, I submit the following:

On June 14, 2019, I wrote to Mayor Baird about the fact that large/heavy vehicles traveling on Holdrege Street in front of my house at 3141 Holdrege Street caused my whole house to vibrate. See attached copy of this letter.

On June 14, 2019, I received a letter from Tim Byrne, Manager/Maintenance Operations for the City of Lincoln. See attached copy of this letter. This letter details that a district supervisor inspected Holdrege Street in front of my house and found Holdrege Street to be in good repair and that he was unable to detect any vibrations when standing on the sidewalk in front of my house.

Unfortunately for the integrity of this on-site inspection and evaluation, the district supervisor was not able to differentiate between my house and the sidewalk in front of my house. My complaint did not center around vibration to the sidewalk, but, rather to my house. The city employee did not interview me nor ask for access to my house as part of his investigation.

The whole-house vibrations referred to in my letter of June 19, 2019, to Mayor Baird, continue to this day.

Sincerely,

John Spence

John Spence

3141 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, NE 68503

May 29, 2019

Mayor Baird
City of Lincoln
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

re: Street Repair

Dear Mayor,

Several years ago street work was done along Holdrege Street in front of my house, primarily along the curb side of the street. This work ended the whole house vibration I felt whenever a heavy vehicle, such as a city bus, drove down Holdrege.

Unfortunately, the whole house vibration has returned when city busses and large trucks drive past.

I would be most appreciative of a rebuilding of Holdrege Street such as to permanently eliminate this situation.

Sincerely,

John Spence

cc: Miki Esposito, Director of Transportation and Utilities

CITY OF LINCOLN™ NEBRASKA

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services
949 West Bond Street Suite 200 Lincoln, NE 68521
402-441-7711 fax: 402-441-6576 lincoln.ne.gov

June 14, 2019

Mr. John Spence
3141 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, NE 68503

RE: Street Repair

Dear Mr. Spence:

Thank you for writing Mayor Gaylor Baird about pavement issues near your home on Holdrege Street. The Mayor has directed me to respond to your concerns. A district supervisor has inspected the street in front of your property at 3141 Holdrege Street.

This segment has received regular preventative maintenance and is in good condition. The asphalt surface has several years of service life remaining before warranting a rehabilitation project.

The supervisor noted the street drove smooth in both directions and he also stood on the sidewalk in front of your home in order to take a closer look. However he was unable to detect any vibrations or movement as two busses and other traffic passed in each direction. We will continue to monitor the street for any signs of deterioration needing repair.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Tim L. Byrne

Tim Byrne

Manager | Maintenance Operations
City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities
O: 402-441-7701 | M: 402-416-5342

cc: Mayor Gaylor Baird
cc: Jon Carlson
cc: Lin Quenzer
cc: Miki Esposito

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lori Marsh <lorimarsh61@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Interim health Director

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am voicing my concern over the Pat Lopez's qualifications as heath director. I am also concerned about why she has not yet been confirmed. I don't believe the way she has handled the pandemic and closing of businesses is appropriate. Over zealous is and understatement. She has been holding the office illegally according to the Count Attorney. I certainly hope that before this is voted on that you will give ample notice. Rules must be followed.

Lori Marsh
Xxxx s 19th Street

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Lincoln City Council Dissatisfaction

About this petition

The undersigned confirms agreement with the public comment being made by Ellie M Sampson at the August 17, 2020 Lincoln City Council Meeting

Signatures

1. Name: Kelsey Oliver on 2020-08-16 22:46:43
Comments:

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2. Name: Nina Pizano on 2020-08-16 22:47:49
Comments:

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3. Name: Dana Houser on 2020-08-16 22:48:34
Comments: Start showing us, the people, that you are working for our best interest.

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4. Name: Jen Menebroker on 2020-08-16 22:50:04
Comments:

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5. Name: Kristin Skinner on 2020-08-16 22:55:24
Comments:

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6. Name: Sam Rearick on 2020-08-16 23:01:14
Comments:

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7. Name: Stephany Thompson on 2020-08-16 23:02:12
Comments:

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8. Name: Terry Thompson on 2020-08-16 23:02:55
Comments:

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9. Name: Mary Hamilton on 2020-08-16 23:25:06
Comments: I do NOT support the mandate for masking. I believe it is illegal and against my rights as a citizen.

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10. Name: Lori Cooper on 2020-08-16 23:27:49
Comments:

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11. Name: Scott Hamilton on 2020-08-16 23:27:55
Comments: I am against this illegal mandate and confirm my agreement with Ellie Sampson.

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12. Name: Krystal Collett on 2020-08-16 23:29:12
Comments:

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13. Name: Richard cooper on 2020-08-16 23:29:21
Comments:

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14. Name: Cindy Latoza on 2020-08-16 23:29:46
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15. Name: Robert Topham on 2020-08-16 23:33:52
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16. Name: Hannah Grassi on 2020-08-16 23:34:28
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17. Name: Candice Fangman on 2020-08-16 23:39:07
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18. Name: Jay Bauers on 2020-08-16 23:41:05
Comments:

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19. Name: Ruth Clark on 2020-08-16 23:43:14
Comments:

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20. Name: Diane Gray on 2020-08-16 23:44:10
Comments: No masks!

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21. Name: Ted Mizeraki on 2020-08-16 23:45:39
Comments:

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22. Name: Ami Werts on 2020-08-16 23:47:22
Comments: City council needs to remember that you work for WE THE PEOPLE. Mask mandate must end NOW, this needs to be choice.

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23. Name: Nikki Barr on 2020-08-16 23:49:32
Comments: I am against the illegal mask mandate, and am in agreement with Ellie Sampson’s statements.

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24. Name: Joy Lesiak on 2020-08-16 23:53:19
Comments:

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25. Name: Susan Otradovsky on 2020-08-16 23:54:15
Comments: No mask mandate, we are NOT in a pandemic. We are not fooled.

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26. Name: Jesse Wyrrick on 2020-08-16 23:54:57
Comments: Nobody likes the mask.. only jerks like the mandate.

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27. Name: teran sherfey on 2020-08-16 23:55:12

Comments:

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28. Name: Damion Schepers on 2020-08-16 23:56:10
Comments:

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29. Name: Cory Wilken on 2020-08-16 23:56:29
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30. Name: Kendra Gauksson on 2020-08-16 23:57:13
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31. Name: Todd Morley on 2020-08-16 23:57:30
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32. Name: Brad Henderson on 2020-08-16 23:57:38
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33. Name: Craig Ahrens on 2020-08-16 23:59:08
Comments:

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34. Name: James Moore on 2020-08-16 23:59:39
Comments:

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35. Name: Brian Bockelman on 2020-08-16 23:59:45
Comments: We demand as free citizens our right to decide!

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36. Name: Matt on 2020-08-17 00:07:20
Comments:

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37. Name: Sherry Wells on 2020-08-17 00:07:45
Comments: This NEEDS to be a choice!!

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38. Name: Sherri Oaks on 2020-08-17 00:09:26
Comments: I am against it being mandated! No different than Obamacare crap that was also illegally mandated!

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39. Name: Tom Garcia on 2020-08-17 00:12:21
Comments: I support this petition

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40. Name: Larry Melroy on 2020-08-17 00:14:55
Comments:

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41. Name: Jeremy Howard on 2020-08-17 00:16:13
Comments: It’s not going away just like the flu, just let it ween out the weak

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42. Name: Julia Kercher on 2020-08-17 00:34:02
Comments:

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43. Name: Stephanie Remus on 2020-08-17 00:41:56
Comments:

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44. Name: Justin Handa on 2020-08-17 00:46:31
Comments:

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45. Name: Rachel on 2020-08-17 00:46:41
Comments: This should be a choice!

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46. Name: Robert Kercher on 2020-08-17 00:48:33
Comments:

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47. Name: Angel Schiermann on 2020-08-17 00:50:29
Comments:

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48. Name: Kymberly Hillhouse on 2020-08-17 00:57:04
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49. Name: Cheryl House on 2020-08-17 00:58:54
Comments:

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50. Name: Ashley Mason on 2020-08-17 00:59:35
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51. Name: Anthony Dworak on 2020-08-17 01:01:23
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52. Name: Laura on 2020-08-17 01:04:34
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53. Name: Amy Schlueter on 2020-08-17 01:07:55
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54. Name: John keady on 2020-08-17 01:08:14
Comments:

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55. Name: Kevin Williams on 2020-08-17 01:09:50
Comments: this overreach has to stop.

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56. Name: Amy Harshman on 2020-08-17 01:11:42
Comments: The evidence does not exist for Lincoln to be in a state of emergency. We will not live under a tyrannical government that wants to control us with fear.

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57. Name: Daniel Sharp on 2020-08-17 01:16:48
Comments:

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58. Name: April Lamp on 2020-08-17 01:18:43
Comments:

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59. Name: Christina Grundman on 2020-08-17 01:27:40
Comments:

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60. Name: Ashley Tobias on 2020-08-17 01:28:02
Comments: Pat Lopez and Mayor Baird are both frauds- neither should be in office after this.

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61. Name: Lucas Jung on 2020-08-17 01:31:24
Comments:

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62. Name: Bette Werts on 2020-08-17 01:31:51
Comments:

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63. Name: Cherri Fuehring on 2020-08-17 01:41:41
Comments: I believe the mask mandate is dangerous to my health, against my personal Constitutional freedoms and causes mental depression and propagates fear and seclusion. I will not wear a mask when I am healthy.

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64. Name: Benjamin Madsen on 2020-08-17 01:42:50
Comments:

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65. Name: Al Kant on 2020-08-17 01:46:46
Comments:

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66. Name: Ashley Ehrich on 2020-08-17 01:47:26
Comments:

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67. Name: Russ Fuehring on 2020-08-17 01:50:31
Comments: Get r done!

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68. Name: Rebecca McNeese on 2020-08-17 01:58:08
Comments:

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69. Name: Andrea Keim on 2020-08-17 02:05:17
Comments:

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70. Name: Darcy Parr on 2020-08-17 02:14:15
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71. Name: Adam Parr on 2020-08-17 02:15:36
Comments:

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72. Name: Brandi on 2020-08-17 02:16:18
Comments:

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73. Name: Ebba Mead on 2020-08-17 02:21:35
Comments:

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74. Name: Patty Bailey on 2020-08-17 02:22:59
Comments: You can do it!!

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75. Name: Jessica Clowes on 2020-08-17 02:23:18
Comments: The mask mandate causes so much discrimination! Those who can’t mask are criticisms and publicly humiliated for something they are not in control of, businesses are violating the Civil Rights act protected by federal law, discriminating against those who can’t wear them for disability purposes and religious reasons or against their Creed. It also causes health issues for healthy people and we should have the right to be in charge of our own health as we always have been. This is a virus is less deadly than other viruses and this kind of government overreach has never happened before and is an outrage. Please allow us the right to choose our own health and end the feeling of rights of others to discriminate those protected under federal laws that are being violated every single day!

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76. Name: Jeff Dousharm on 2020-08-17 02:25:43
Comments: the city is overstepping

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77. Name: Manuel Walker on 2020-08-17 02:27:26
Comments: If masks really work, then if you are wearing one, you should be good. I shouldn't be forced to wear a mask if I don't want to wear one.

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78. Name: Chad Barnhardt on 2020-08-17 02:31:05
Comments:

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79. Name: Natalie Jacobsen on 2020-08-17 02:31:07

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80. Name: Arliss Allen on 2020-08-17 02:36:09
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81. Name: Erika Balm on 2020-08-17 02:43:19
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82. Name: Catrina Fischer on 2020-08-17 02:44:17
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83. Name: Billie Vest on 2020-08-17 02:48:13
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84. Name: Tiff Maly on 2020-08-17 02:51:32
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85. Name: Christa Mittan on 2020-08-17 02:57:05
Comments:

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86. Name: Kathy i on 2020-08-17 02:58:34
Comments:

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87. Name: Shannon on 2020-08-17 03:00:50
Comments: Quarantine is when you restrict the movement of sick people, Tyranny is restricting the movement of healthy people. Over half of the people I see in stores wear their masks under their noses so really WHY even bother? This is blown WAY out of proportion and we are tired of it!! I won’t wear a burka either.

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88. Name: Jennie Wood on 2020-08-17 03:05:36
Comments:

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89. Name: Christine on 2020-08-17 03:46:23
Comments:

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90. Name: Heidi Barry-Rettele on 2020-08-17 03:55:02
Comments:

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91. Name: Tiffany Crawford on 2020-08-17 04:01:13
Comments:

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92. Name: Greg L Votava on 2020-08-17 04:13:06

Comments:

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93. Name: Gretchen Hess on 2020-08-17 04:14:23
Comments:

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94. Name: Deb Wessel on 2020-08-17 04:17:20
Comments: We demand as free citizens our right to decide!! We are NOT in a pandemic!! We are not fooled!!

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95. Name: Corey Hess on 2020-08-17 04:19:25
Comments: Not in Lincoln, Ne.

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96. Name: Matt on 2020-08-17 04:24:22
Comments: As free citizens, we have the right to decide if we want to wear a mask. Requiring healthy people be masked is tyranny! Requiring healthy children to be masked in school is child abuse! Stop this madness at once. We have done the research and know we are not in a state of emergency. We know that this virus is comparable to a seasonal flu. I am in total agreement with Ellie Sampson's statements.

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97. Name: HJ on 2020-08-17 04:41:44
Comments: Follow the science is the mantra spewed while decisions with tyrannical consequence ruin other people without consensus, without procedural follow-through, and without care for it. Even if Pat Lopez is officially sworn in, this administration has lost all credibility throughout. Time for a clean slate. There is simply no respect left.

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98. Name: HJ on 2020-08-17 04:42:04
Comments: Follow the science is the mantra spewed while decisions with tyrannical consequence ruin other people without consensus, without procedural follow-through, and without care for it. Even if Pat Lopez is officially sworn in, this administration has lost all credibility throughout. Time for a clean slate. There is simply no respect left.

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99. Name: Lance Bierma on 2020-08-17 04:59:06
Comments:

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100. Name: Shannon Durand on 2020-08-17 05:03:10
Comments:

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101. Name: Chelsy on 2020-08-17 05:25:59
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102. Name: Beca Lynn on 2020-08-17 05:26:57
Comments:

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103. Name: Karen L on 2020-08-17 05:31:27

Comments:

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104. Name: LISA JURGENSMIER on 2020-08-17 07:32:12
Comments:

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105. Name: Teresa Predmore on 2020-08-17 09:51:31
Comments: Our current mayor is not following the rules, protocols or laws regarding decisions such as appointing Ms. Lopez as Director of the Health Dept. The mayor is not even following our County Attorneys legal advise. Do not appoint Ms. Lopez to the health department. As a long time Lincoln resident, registered voter and business owner I am watching the actions of the city council and commissioners as well as the current mayor. The city of Lincoln is not the current mayors personal domain to do as she chooses. Our elected officials are required to perform in accordance with the oath of office each took, and all the rules, protocols, regulations and laws. Do not place Lincoln in a scenario likely to result in significant legal battles the city cannot win and will likely result in heavy financial penalties the tax payers cannot afford.

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106. Name: Robert Borer on 2020-08-17 10:45:11
Comments: It's an election year. Corona is all politics. Democrats are desperate. At the same time, they are too blind to see that they are only shooting themselves in the fo... er, head!

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107. Name: Lynette Sorrentino on 2020-08-17 11:15:18
Comments:

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108. Name: Kathy Cartwright on 2020-08-17 11:18:22
Comments:

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109. Name: Jeremy Ross on 2020-08-17 11:19:08
Comments:

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110. Name: Kevin Wikoff on 2020-08-17 11:35:00
Comments: Enough is enough!

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111. Name: Julie Prokop on 2020-08-17 11:45:34
Comments:

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112. Name: Novelyn Watson on 2020-08-17 12:13:35
Comments:

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113. Name: Steve Nolan on 2020-08-17 12:25:24
Comments: The current Lincoln mayor and city council do not speak for the majority of Lincoln! It's time to take back our city!

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114. Name: LOIS J DODSON on 2020-08-17 12:30:09
Comments:

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115. Name: Amy Kriz on 2020-08-17 12:30:20
Comments:

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116. Name: Heidi Nolan on 2020-08-17 12:34:46
Comments:

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117. Name: Johnnie Firestone on 2020-08-17 12:37:30
Comments:

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118. Name: Heather Waggoner on 2020-08-17 12:39:29
Comments:

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119. Name: Justin Gish on 2020-08-17 12:50:40
Comments: Protect my freedom!

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120. Name: Amy Larson on 2020-08-17 13:04:41
Comments:

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121. Name: SHANE M MCNEESE on 2020-08-17 13:20:09
Comments: My liberties and freedoms don't stop where your fear begins.

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122. Name: Bryan Oswald on 2020-08-17 13:20:09
Comments:

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123. Name: Travis Bangert on 2020-08-17 13:22:19
Comments:

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124. Name: Karen DeBoer on 2020-08-17 13:22:24
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125. Name: Krisa Wiles on 2020-08-17 13:25:08
Comments:

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126. Name: Heather Martin on 2020-08-17 13:30:35
Comments:

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127. Name: Sara Whisenhunt on 2020-08-17 13:33:10
Comments:

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128. Name: Robert C Welch on 2020-08-17 13:55:29
Comments: wearing a mask should a freedom of choice

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129. Name: Bryant Travis on 2020-08-17 14:00:43
Comments:

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130. Name: Pat Dodson on 2020-08-17 14:02:26
Comments:

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131. Name: Michael Balm on 2020-08-17 14:18:42
Comments:

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132. Name: Andrew J Rasmussen on 2020-08-17 14:25:19
Comments: Facts are being withheld from the one sided debate and Mayor Baird made an unjustifiable mandate based solely off of incomplete information. The Health Director must go through the process of being confirmed with concerns being heard from the public first.

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133. Name: Cammi Howard on 2020-08-17 14:30:41
Comments:

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134. Name: David Cygan on 2020-08-17 14:44:51
Comments:

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135. Name: Kathryn Ponte-Hamersky on 2020-08-17 14:55:50
Comments:

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136. Name: Polly Welch on 2020-08-17 15:07:03
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137. Name: Melinda Barney on 2020-08-17 15:09:41
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138. Name: Trent Maly on 2020-08-17 15:25:11
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139. Name: David Kohrell on 2020-08-17 15:29:05
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140. Name: Kaitlyn Stara on 2020-08-17 15:39:58
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141. Name: Kristy Fair on 2020-08-17 15:44:28
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142. Name: Brian Pacza on 2020-08-17 15:55:57
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143. Name: Charles Martin on 2020-08-17 15:59:18
Comments:

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144. Name: Brenda Hehn on 2020-08-17 16:00:40
Comments:

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145. Name: Andy Stebbing on 2020-08-17 16:02:19
Comments: The WHO said Covid no worse than the flu. Pathetic.

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146. Name: Brieanna Lebo on 2020-08-17 16:05:43
Comments:

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147. Name: Cynthia Stamper on 2020-08-17 16:16:07
Comments:

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148. Name: Tiffany on 2020-08-17 16:19:40
Comments:

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149. Name: Lisa Strauss on 2020-08-17 16:22:59
Comments: Freedom is not free! We must stand to protect our freedoms that so many fought for and died for, PROTECT OUR FREEDOM!! My rights do not end where your fears begin!!!

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150. Name: Bridget M POtter on 2020-08-17 16:36:13
Comments:

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151. Name: Doug McCall on 2020-08-17 16:42:49
Comments:

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152. Name: Janell Folkerts on 2020-08-17 16:43:06
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153. Name: Jason Slama on 2020-08-17 16:44:22
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154. Name: Terry Watson Stull on 2020-08-17 16:45:13

Comments:

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155. Name: Kelly Slama on 2020-08-17 16:49:00
Comments:

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156. Name: Stacie Truax on 2020-08-17 16:49:16
Comments: Sick of all the mandates and BS lies. I will never comply with the mandate.

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157. Name: Steve Bruggeman on 2020-08-17 16:51:32
Comments: Lift the Mask mandate !!

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158. Name: Julie Bruce on 2020-08-17 16:56:58
Comments:

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159. Name: Edward Logagank on 2020-08-17 17:02:34
Comments: End the dog and pony show that's been made out of public health. Return to rational risk assessment methodology.

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160. Name: Wendy Leming on 2020-08-17 17:04:14
Comments:

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161. Name: SONYA PETERS on 2020-08-17 17:04:20
Comments:

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162. Name: Wade Leming on 2020-08-17 17:05:09
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163. Name: Chasmine Hendrix on 2020-08-17 17:05:30
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164. Name: Jim Toomey on 2020-08-17 17:05:53
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165. Name: Perry Gauthier on 2020-08-17 17:07:38
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166. Name: Charlene Rohl on 2020-08-17 17:07:47
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167. Name: Bret Smith on 2020-08-17 17:09:43
Comments:

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168. Name: Lawrence Hudecek on 2020-08-17 17:12:41
Comments:

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169. Name: Todd strauss on 2020-08-17 17:18:31
Comments: These cloth masks do absolutely nothing

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170. Name: Gale Poe on 2020-08-17 17:19:00
Comments: Ridiculous that our Mayor allowed protesters to stay out past curfew, then she slaps this worthless mask mandate on us. I have called her office a couple of times, and have gotten treated very rudely by her office staff. I reminded her that she works for me.

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171. Name: Lynita Hood on 2020-08-17 17:22:46
Comments:

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172. Name: Suzanne Klein on 2020-08-17 17:29:16
Comments:

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173. Name: Drew Klein on 2020-08-17 17:32:54
Comments:

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174. Name: April H on 2020-08-17 17:37:08
Comments:

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175. Name: Teresa Kile on 2020-08-17 17:37:57
Comments: The right to choose the best preventive care for an individual is not government officials who do not know that individuals medical history and who are not licensed to practice medicine.

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176. Name: Craig Peate on 2020-08-17 17:40:59
Comments:

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177. Name: Diane Henke on 2020-08-17 17:41:25
Comments:

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178. Name: Jennifer Onorato on 2020-08-17 17:47:10
Comments: Masks are a joke! Lift the mandate!

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179. Name: Jarod Epp on 2020-08-17 17:47:16
Comments:

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180. Name: Danna Seevers on 2020-08-17 17:47:26
Comments:

181. Name: Trucker petersen on 2020-08-17 17:48:21
Comments:

182. Name: Suzy Nienaber on 2020-08-17 17:53:29
Comments:

183. Name: Uyen Tran on 2020-08-17 17:55:52
Comments:

184. Name: Jana Volzke on 2020-08-17 17:56:52
Comments: We the people are tired of our mayor's lies and backdoor policies! Clearly she's NOT HONEST and we the people don't want someone like her running out great city!

185. Name: Christy Pankoke on 2020-08-17 17:57:12
Comments:

186. Name: Dwight Henke on 2020-08-17 17:57:38
Comments:

187. Name: Crystal Henke on 2020-08-17 17:59:05
Comments:

188. Name: Stetson Riggs on 2020-08-17 18:00:46
Comments:

189. Name: Jeff Kreikemeier on 2020-08-17 18:01:33
Comments:

190. Name: Crystal Stara on 2020-08-17 18:08:55
Comments: Stop taking our rights away for a virus that has a 99% recovery rate. Even if we were in a pandemic, NO pandemic supersedes our Constitutional Rights to breath. A mask is a PPE and that decision needs to be between ME and My Medical Doctor. If this was a true pandemic, you wouldn't need to convince us that it was.

191. Name: Daryn Reiter on 2020-08-17 18:09:27
Comments:

192. Name: Scott Beckmann on 2020-08-17 18:10:36
Comments: Not happy about late night protest!

193. Name: Dusty Rimovsky on 2020-08-17 18:14:23
Comments:

Angela M. Birkett

From: Anna <anna_s_68521@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:16 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Meeting, masks and Lopez

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

listening to today's meeting, it is first if all disgusting that the council believes they have the ability to force masks *in a government buildiwants.

Second, most if the council members are oh so proudly wearing their party like a garishly loud hawaiian shirt whenever they speak. Its supposed to be doing what is right for the city, not the party and not whatever the mayor wants.

As far as nurse Lopez goes, she does not seem to have what is necessary to provide independent leadership for the health department. In press conferences, she clearly comes off as the mayor's lackey. This is not good fior the city or county.

Beyond that, the way she was appointed and then quietly kept on as a CONSULTANT only to be quickly put up for approval once someone in Lincoln had the brains and guts to put forth a legal motion to rid us if here screams of back door, side room politics that one expects from Illinois and California. The mayor's office and city council should be embarrassed as to how an unnecessary mask mandate and the lopez situation have been and are being handled.

Embarrassed to live in Lincoln
Anna Santana
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jennifer Gillett <mamagillett@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Gene Thompson
Cc: Gillett, Bryce; Council Packet; Stephen Joel
Subject: Re: Excessive use of hand sanitizer
Attachments: image001.gif

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for your response and for really hearing us on this matter about the sanitizer. Thank you for taking the time to talk to Logan and letting him have the opportunity to wash his hands instead of sanitizing.

Jennifer Gillett

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020, 8:24 AM Gene Thompson <gthomps@lps.org> wrote:

Mr. Gillett,

My apology for not providing a response to your first email. We will remind teachers that students have an option to wash their hands instead of using sanitizer. I spoke with Logan this morning and shared that he can request to wash his hands during the day by asking his teachers. We will contact teachers that Logan may request to wash his hands in place of use of sanitizer. We will also ask teachers to use extra caution when using disinfectant in the classroom.

Thank you for the note and your understanding as we are working through these new processes to keep a safe learning environment for students and staff.

Gene Thompson

From: "Gillett, Bryce" <bryce.gillett@trimarkusa.com>
To: "Mickle Middle School" <Mickle@lps.org>
Cc: councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov, "Stephen Joel" <sjoel@lps.org>, "Jen Gillett" <mamagillett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 5:36:29 PM
Subject: Excessive use of hand sanitizer

Hello Mickle admin, I emailed prior to the start of school and did not receive any response addressing my concerns about the excessive use of hand sanitizer. I'm attaching that email in case you would like to reference back to it.

Now that this is a second email and school has started, and my son has now been exposed to excessive amounts of hand sanitizer for 3 days (appx 7-8oz by now) I'm more frustrated. Your detailed plan of return to school lists out 18 occurrences every day where students are expected, and seemingly forced to use hand sanitizer. Although I don't entirely agree with the students being mandated to wear masks, I can put up with it

for the time being if it keeps us in school. However, to force students to the exposure of a chemical, that not only attacks bad bacteria, but also after excessive use attacks good and necessary bacteria, I am not okay with that. I asked him if he had any opportunity to reject the sanitizer and he said no. He said that staff is there to pump out an excessive amount of sanitizer at every doorway. And in 3 days, there have been no times before or after lunch, or any other part of the day, where students have been allowed or encouraged to make use of handwashing which is clearly stated by many sources including the CDC as the most effective way to keep hands clean. Sanitizer is intended as an alternative when handwashing is not available (like when my sons and I go camping and don't have running water available).

Based on a typical sanitizer bottle with a sprayer or pump, they are designed to dispense anywhere from 1/8oz all the way up to a full 1oz pump. I know this because I actually sell hand sanitizer in many types and brands and various dispensers. Even at the minimum, they are being forced to use over 2 full oz of sanitizer every day. This is not a good solution- although it may make some people "feel" better and gives the appearance of "safety", it can ultimately have long term negative effects. No one seems to take into account some of the side effects of the processes that have been taken on as mandates, or for the "safety of everyone", that could create real issues down the road.

What do I need to do in order to prevent my son from being overly exposed to something that I am strongly against? I know for certain there are others that have this same opinion, but often those of us that choose not to make waves just sit back and take it. I'm tired of sitting back and taking it and would like an actual answer to the question. Do I need to write a note to all of his teachers directly, does he need to wear a lanyard that says "Do not Sanitize", or can you just make the sanitizer available as needed?

Side note- on day 1 of school, he was inadvertently sprayed with bleach by a teacher while he was cleaning his work area. On day 2 of school, he saw a teacher inadvertently spray a student in the eye with sanitizer.

Now the protocol has apparently changed to only using hand sanitizer when entering a classroom or the building. That is apparently because when they are asked to sanitize their workstations, their hands are exposed to the cleaning solution while they clean their desk and chair. It wouldn't surprise me if within just a few days you will have students with rashes and reactions to the direct exposure to a cleaning product that in virtually any facility anywhere, would require the use of glove wearing to handle such products. There are also prolonged effects of potential lung damage from continued exposure to chlorine fumes.

It's these types of double standards that I do not understand or agree with. In order to protect my child, you are doing just the opposite. I'm sure you have other parents that would strongly disagree with me and my opinions, but that doesn't make my opinion and data invalid. I also have a student attending LNE and they have not forced students to this same exposure in regard to the hand sanitizer. They are however required to sanitize their work areas in the same way as Mickle, and I am also concerned about that and intend to reach out to them as well.

I look forward to your response.

Thanks,

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Angela M. Birkett

From: David Steffen <dsteffen1@unl.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 7:51 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: FW: Covid-19, City attorney, public debate on law. Democracy

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Dear mayor, Council members,

I offer this image taken August 17th at 4:30 p.m. near Holmes lake as an example of the Covid risk in our city. The health department must take a different approach regarding freedom, liberty, and the response to covid-19 diagnosis in the young if schools are to remain open.

The reaction that any diagnosis of coronavirus is somehow a government failure and an absolute crisis is misdirected. Governor Ricketts has been consistent in his flatten the curve approach understanding that the virus must run its course through a community until we get herd immunity. Herd immunity will not likely occur due to our successful public health interventions until a vaccine is developed and administered widely. In the

interim, we must be able to educate our kids and maintain our economy. The real metric should not be community cases but mortality and cases in the at risk populations particularly those 60 years old and above. The spread in kids that mostly suffer mild disease no worse than typical flu season is predictable when we open schools. So the occurrence cannot be considered a public health failure. What must be monitored is the transfer of infection to at risk teachers and family members. So the CVOID diagnoses should be interpreted by age as you temper the response. We also need to look at hospital capacity more than the number of daily diagnosis and test positivity rates as infection spreads through schools and college campuses. Particularly college kids that are not living at home with at risk family members the diagnosis of COVID is not a big deal.

The experiences reported in South Korea and New Zealand should make it clear to us the virus will be ever present so we must live with it and let people assume tolerable risk while protecting the elderly. I have been able to mitigate my risk by wearing masks indoors and avoiding indoor businesses when a crowd of unmasked people were evident even prior to the mandate. The wineries outside the city allow for ample outside seating to enjoy social activity safely with close friends. Outside dining and outside coffee shops work as well. I also respect the right of people to be stupid and go to a pool hall if they want. I believe we exaggerate the risk to community when subpopulations are irresponsible. We can avoid them to a high degree and as long as their infections do not threaten hospital capacity what is the harm. The recent surge in the 20-30 year olds from the bars did not threaten hospital capacity neither will the campus or K-12 infections.

One value to actually bringing health directives to the city council for final approval would be to get insight from a broader range of people. It is important for the governing group to face those most significantly impacted by the directives that hurt them economically. Even when the outcomes are just and appropriate, as I believe they have been, it serves a great government purpose to let those impacted have a voice in our community. Yes, it is far easier to hide from public scrutiny and not receive input but that is not what made America great. I urge you to seek true distinguish leadership and start running these health directive through the city council **with appropriate public input and debate** to be reaffirmed and approved to continue. I suggest it is appropriate to issue the directives if urgent, implement them as needed but get them on the next council meeting agenda, read them and then approve them the following week or not or with modifications. Many of these directives have the effect of law and thus do belong in the legislative body for the city and should allow for appropriate public debate and deliberation. Many times those people that are opposed can still feel supportive of action if they feel they are heard and were given a voice. It also allows the citizens opportunity to better understand the rationale. Taking away the voice of the people is why many protested last night. There was no reason that Ms. Lopez could not have been affirmed next week. The council was very disrespectful to the electorate by waiving rule of order. Yes it is convenient to behave as a dictator but it is WRONG. The Council should be approving every health directive as a temporary order if not before as immediately after as can be accomplished with appropriate public input.

I must add I was also a bit disappointed by your city attorney. He seemed very ill prepared for the questions about city procedure and the legality of appointments, splitting the proposal and those were absolutely predictable questions for someone in his position. He should be urged to step up his understanding of the law, read the constitution of the US, the State and the city's charter and should be able to recite that stuff verbatim if he is going to be effective moving forward. Saying probably implying maybe I can check on it made him look totally unprepared and incompetent. If he doesn't know city procedure, and applicable law with confidence and doesn't prepare for the meeting agenda he should be replaced by someone that will do the work and show up prepared. There are far more competent appearing attorney's in the community I have seen before the Council. I know he has your support but you should council him to step up his effort if he wants to be successful and not hurt the city.

Sincerely

David Steffen, Lincoln resident

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lucinda Zmarzly <lucindazmarzly@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:49 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Thank you for approving Lopez

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Dear Lincoln City Council Members:

Thank you for your vote to approve Pat Lopez as Health Director. It was heartening to see that the vote was 7-0. It made me proud to be a Lincolnite.

With Respect,

Lucinda Zmarzly

Angela M. Birkett

From: David Anderson <noerad@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: School Crossing Speeds

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While it is difficult to comment on this topic without sounding like I am against children's safety (I'm not), I suggest that the council ask the traffic engineering folks whether they have considered reducing the *times* that the lower speed limits are in effect?

In my 30 plus years experience in slowing down for Lincoln school zones, what I have noticed is that I seldom see children! If I had to put a percentile on this experience, it would be over 90%.

So perhaps the school zone times need reducing as well as the speeds?

David Anderson
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Angela M. Birkett

From: crl1030@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Madsen Madness

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Dear Council Members,

After reading about the idiocy over Pat Lopez and the mask-shunning at your most recent meeting, I appreciate your service even more than I have in the past. Who knew our city could be home to such loony, selfish, short-sighted people? The final straw is using “your knee is on my neck” to equate having to wear a mask with the loss of a human life. Disgusting.

Thank you thank you thank you for serving Lincolnites!

(No reply required.)

Sincerely,
Claudia Lindley
1411 N 38 St 68503

Angela M. Birkett

From: Ronald Case <rcase2@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: fyi

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Congratulations on your actions last evening. Approving Pat Lopez as the Director of County Health and reaffirming the mask mandate were laudatory actions.

Also, your patience in dealing with those opposed to the above actions was commendable. At one level I wanted the whole bunch of those who refused to wear masks escorted from the building. This whole nonsense about choosing whether to wear a mask is an individual's right is so ignorant. You handled the matter with aplomb and courtesy beyond what they deserved.

Finally, I hope your actions do not give confidence to those opposing the mandate. The Madsen's issue was extremely generous to their concerns. These willful law breakers probably wanted action taken against those peacefully protesting the BLM issue. That was also gracefully handled by city officials.

Stay safe and, again, thank you.

Ron Case
Lincoln

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert Borer <robert.borer@doane.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor; Terry T. Wagner; Pat D. Lopez
Subject: this is what a lawful resolution looks like
Attachments: Morrill County Resolution.pdf

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Council—

Please see two pg attachment. This is what a lawful resolution looks like.

The nonsensical mask mandate of underlords Baird, Lopez and Raybould will NOT be followed.

They can cry "science" all they want. But their boogeyman is nothing but science-FICTION.

It is doubtful they could tell the difference between the two if they wanted to.

Obviously, they don't.

The idea that correlation equals causation is one of the oldest logical fallacies in the book.

The only virus is the one that has infected them with a lust for power.

So here we are. Come get us.

We live by God's rules, not your arbitrary, intrusive, abusive, pernicious and draconian man-made ones.

The next time you pick a health director, you might want to pick someone who is the image of health, because he/she actually has some knowledge of what constitutes health...and the discipline to follow it.

Actions, and the results that follow, always speak louder than words.

I hope Jane has settled down from yesterday. She looked like she was going to have a nervous breakdown. That's what worrying about everyone else, and trying to control everyone else, does to you. Please find someone who can help her relax and not be so meddlesome. You don't live long that way.

Cheers—

Robert J. Borer

Angela M. Birkett

From: Marcie Strahm <strahm1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:34 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: This is the city council the City of Lincoln deserves

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Marcie Strahm