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Dear Mr. Chadwick and members of the City Council,

First and foremost, thank you for spending the time to send the residents of Carlsbad detailed updates in regards to the virus. I imagine this is no easy task and I appreciate the amount of thought and time you put into drafting these updates.

After reading today's update, I must tell you I am very upset in regards to the closing of the outdoor basketball courts at our city's parks. Yes, people have certainly violated the 6 feet rule on the court. Yes, there have been people playing pick-up games with zero masks on. I've seen it multiple times myself. However, isn't there a better solution than to apply a blanket rule here and close all of the public courts? Call me crazy, but if there are people who still think they are invincible and clearly do not care about adhering to the rules necessary to keep our residents safe, then these same people will continue to break the rules when/if the courts open back up. And then what? Will we keep seeing a pattern of the courts being opened then closed, opened then closed?

Aside from these violators, I have seen many people *following* the rules. I've seen families shooting hoops and putting a mask on when they get too close to someone outside their household. Basketball happens to be my son's outlet. It's how he stays healthy, off the couch, off his electronics. We have been very careful to follow the city's rules so that he can continue to have this outlet, and now it's being taken away because there are some selfish people out there. Well, these same people will probably choose to be selfish again when given the opportunity to play at the outdoor courts, so why are you punishing the rest of us? The rate of depression is skyrocketing. Exercise is necessary to helping people feel good, to feel positive- which is important now more than ever. Please tell me why we have to pay the price for other's mistakes? I wish the city had a plan to enforce these rules better, because simply shutting everything down as a "solution" will only punish the rule-followers, and delay the inevitable for those who don't care.

Thank you,

Marla Payea

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