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Sept. 22, 2020 Council Meeting,
Agenda item #3:

"Facial covering requirements and enhanced enforcement of the County Health Order for beach boardwalks, staircases, gatherings and businesses"

I used to walk my dog every day on the Batiquitos Lagoon Trail. I seldom do that now, because so many people are on the trail that don't wear masks. The trail is often not wide enough for six feet of separation, especially now that it is used more heavily as an outdoor resource during the Covid pandemic. You can't pass a pair or group of walkers coming the other way and maintain a safe distance, and when a jogger weaves through, all bets are off. The joggers — especially the men — are especially problematic. They go by, huffing and chuffing, spraying their lung-juice ten to twelve feet, not six, and most of them don't wear masks. I don't care if it's outdoors; they're too close and it's not safe. So I mostly stay away.

I know that Carlsbad doesn't have jurisdiction on the trail. But officers or city agents could plunk themselves on the sidewalk at the main entry points and ask people if they brought a mask and if not, either offer them one or tell them to go home and get one.

People that are not mask-compliant are essentially denying access to those of us trying to be careful, and the state and city are complicit due to their loose requirements and lack of enforcement. I've treasured having a daily walk on that trail for over ten years; it's what I have enjoyed most about living here, and not being able to do that anymore because of inconsiderate people and Carlsbad's laxity is disheartening.

I expected better Covid case numbers in Carlsbad than I've been seeing. Compared to Encinitas and Del Mar, you've got work to do, and I wish you'd get serious about it.

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