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Dear Mayor Hall, Mayor Pro Tem Blackburn, Council Members Schumacher and Bhat-Patel, and Mr. Chadwick,

I ask that you do not support any resolution that makes facial covering requirements more stringent than the county's current requirements. That goes for certain sections of walkways and staircases on select days, as well as on gatherings and businesses. The administrative enforcement for masks that Council Member Schumacher seeks will be black mark for the City of Carlsbad. The serious legal questions that Chief Gallucci raised at the July 28th council meeting regarding detaining people in order to issue a citation did not disappear. As a long-time resident of our city, I do not want our police officers put in that questionable position by our own city council.

I also ask that the city not spend almost \$70,000 from the general fund for extra police and mask "education." The city has better uses for that money and the police have better uses for their time.

I ask all of this from the perspective of someone who is not "anti-mask." I think wearing a mask is a smart thing to do and wear one when appropriate. Chalking up the resistance to administrative enforcement, even if selective, to "anti-maskers" is not accurate. I think we have enough government telling us what to do and where to do it. We don't need to add our local city government on top of it all, especially when it raises legal issues to do so.

I would also like to add that the minute-motion that brought this item back to council never should have passed. I really wish the city council as a whole would reign in the persistent minute-motions made when a council member does not get their way and consider all the additional work this puts on our city staff.

Thank you.

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