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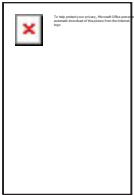
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Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 9:00 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: Don't open beaches

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No no no! It's too soon to open the beaches even for exercise. Give it another two weeks. Let's pass the peak on this thing. It'll be too much policing to open the beaches for walkers. Then you have the bathrooms open and the virus spreading there. NO NO NO! Just wait!!! Opening things up now would be like stopping the antibiotic on day 3 of 10 because you're starting to feel better. Please don't!

Thank you!



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Topic Reopening Beaches for Exercise
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Under no circumstances should any part of the beaches be reopened, even for exercise. We are still seeing rampant disregard for the health and safety of others all over the place. Any loosening of restrictions now will just extend this quarantine that much longer, put vulnerable community members at unnecessary risk, and allow those already pushing limits or ignoring rules to be even worse. The only way we get out of this health and safe is more restriction, not less. Please listen to the health experts who are begging us all to stay home. No one needs a beach to exercise. You can run on your street and do yoga in your living room.

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Subject: FW: Beach Openings

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To: Comments, BCC Agenda <bccagendacomment@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Beach Openings

Why reopen beaches at a time when our neighboring county, Hillsborough, is imposing tougher restrictions? As a homeowner in St. Pete Beach, I see many people breaching the beach barricades and using the beaches. The hotels that are open along the beach are housing guests from other hot spots around the State as well as out of state. Those people are leaving hot spots and potentially spreading the virus here. It appears there are not enough Sheriffs to safely patrol the beaches. Please do not reopen the beaches at least until after April 30th, in coordination with Hillsborough, and at a time that puts Pinellas residents safety and health first, not vacationers.

Thank you.

Mary Beattie

Thank you.

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Topic public beaches and condo pools opening again

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

I do NOT believe that beaches should be opened, especially as they cannot be policed enough. It is a false idea that "People in Pinellas County are being responsible" as commissioner Kathleen Peters said. It may be PARTLY true that SOME people in Pinellas County are being responsible but all you have to do is go to a park that is still open now to see people gathering in clumps to basically stand or sit around, sometimes for hours. Examples I've been to in order to walk are Coachman Park, Crest Lake Park, etc. I stopped going to the parks to walk. I am 63 and simply walk around my block. I've seen that MOST people are NOT exercising in the parks, many people are NOT walking much at all. Many are sitting on benches, feeding ducks, laying in hammocks, etc. They are simply bored at home and are gathering in the parks. Maybe they are 3-6 feet away from each other, but that social distancing rule is being widened to more space needed, per articles by medical personnel. Opening Clearwater beach WILL spread the virus in the community because people come from all over to go there, and will stop in stores in the city on the way out and before going home. Even if the public lots are closed, the private lots are not. Even if all lots are closed, they will find places to park if the beaches are open like empty store lots or empty residence driveways. NOT ALL people are responsible, and NO AGENCY can police that amount of land properly as evidenced by the people standing or sitting in public parks NOW. Take this nationwide situation seriously, no one NEEDS the beaches or pools to be open. It is simply a desire by a very small percentage of residents that will affect the many residents in Pinellas overall, if you open the beaches. It is NOT time yet to reopen public places in general, the virus is still spreading and there are still wide "safer-at-home" orders in place. I walk for 15 minutes

daily around the block in my neighborhood avoiding others by at least 15 feet, IF someone else happens to be walking. As far as condo pools go, I only have an opinion as I don't live in a condo. I am 63 years old. I like to exercise in the water, BUT it is not necessary, there are always other ways to exercise safe in your home. In my opinion, if a senior can't walk, they are at risk and shouldn't be going out in public to condo pools either, during this virus pandemic. Wuhan, China certainly did the ultimate lock-down, but now their virus figures are low compared to the US, Italy, Spain and perhaps other places the virus is still spreading in. Our lock-down is light compared to Wuhan's. Don't make it more light, please. The people who want to go to the parks and pools ARE possibly spreading or catching the virus in the parks, beach areas or pools, and in stores before and after their visits to the parks, beach areas and pools. Since most people outside are not wearing masks, are not cleaning off the benches and handrails they touch, etc., I don't believe they should be allowed to share public spaces during this death spreading pandemic. You WILL be threatening my life, and many other people's lives by re-opening any public areas until the virus stops spreading through community contact. It is BEFORE and AFTER the visits that also spread the virus. Please do NOT open more public areas until the virus stops spreading.

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Topic Reopening the Beaches
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments I am writing to ask the board to please reopen the Pinellas County Beaches. I am a 40 year old born and raised citizen of Pinellas County. I have been going to Clearwater Beach my whole life. The beach is my sanctuary. It is where I go to relax and take respite. It soothes my soul and calms my nerves. In these uncertain times people need the healing calming waters of our very own Gulf waters now more than ever! It is not healthy for citizens to be held prisoners in their homes. I have always believed the cure for everything is saltwater; sweat, tears and the sea. There is real suffering right now. Citizens should have the right to walk along the shore, breathe the salt air and clear their mind in order to endure another day in these despairing times. Please, reopen Our Beaches!!!

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Topic Beach and Pool Opening in Pinellas County

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments I understand people need to exercise especially during this crisis, however, according to the medical experts the next two weeks in Florida will be crucial. Why do we have to open the beaches now for "exercise" when we have done so well. How can the police and sheriffs office enforce while putting themselves at risk, as you are aware we have police officers testing positive. Please consider not opening Beaches at this time and listen to the medical experts...Keep in mind Pinellas County is one of the highest number of Carona Virus areas. Thank you

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Topic Keep Safer at Home Restrictions at current enforcement level

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

I oppose the idea of reopening the beaches and public pools. There has been very little evidence to prove a reduction in the spread of the virus, there are still too many cases being seen and not reported to medical professionals, not included in counts, not requiring hospitalization, and too many cases not being tested. I understand that the economic impact has greatly affected our tourism and hospitality industry. I am one of those affected employees as an Entertainer and non-profit business owner. If restrictions are lifted, We would absolutely see an uptick in migration from Hillsborough County because of their stricter enforcement along with curfew. Those seeking Recreation and entertainment would come to Pinellas County and occupy hotels and frequent restaurants. We would again be back to the same problem we had during spring break and the first week of March where social distancing and safe practice cannot be enforced en masse. Can Pinellas County afford to be placed on global scrutiny again? If you want to retain #1 beach status, put the safety of people before revenue. Many people respect those organizations that do what they can to protect population and offer some Refuge to those impacted. The county should consider ways to alleviate financial pain other than deferring payment on utilities. My business and entertainment performances would not be utilized even if beaches reopen. I understand it's not an easy decision, but it's the movement of people and the ability for us to control the spread that is the main consideration. Vote no on reopening beaches and pools.

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Live Form

Topic BEACH OPENING IN PINELLAS COUNTY
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

My husband & I are Scientists with Bachelors degrees and between the two of us worked in the medical laboratory/healthcare field over 80 years combined. My husband still consults with a major international healthcare company. We are bordering Hillsborough county and they had to evoke a curfew to keep people home...where do you think they are going to go when they open the beaches? We are only a bridge away! People making these types of decisions need to have a science education. Please need to listen to the science. Scientist and medical professionals are telling people to stay home. Lack of health education is going to cost us lives. We pay a lot of money to live near the beach and we stay home. When the beaches were open people were parking in front of our house. The cars were filled with people!! Beaches are beautiful, nice to see but not necessary to stay alive. Obviously, people can't make good decisions. Hopefully, The board will make the right decision not based on MONEY but based on the health and welfare of their citizens. This should not be a political agenda. The local people are already on the beaches. What do you think will happen when you open up the beaches? I don't want people from outside area going to the grocery stores, gas stations and essential places we use locally. People were playing football, playing games and having parties on the beach. This is not time for having outdoor parties. How do you think this virus spreads??? People need to stay in their own local areas. Please base your decision on what is best for our health, PLEASE KEEP THE BEACHES CLOSED! If you make a different decision, be prepared to show the residents of the county the science your decision is based on. US death rate is now up to 4%

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Live Form

Topic Beach Re-Openings

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Good Afternoon County Council, I am writing you in regard to the possibility of reopening the beaches in Pinellas County. At this time I do not believe it would be wise to reopen the beaches under any circumstances. I do miss being able to go to the beach as much as anyone but feel with the current situation we probably need more time to see exactly how the corona virus numbers are trending. I feel it would be most difficult for our law enforcement to be able to maintain the safe distances needed to keep this virus under control and our county residents safe. We all have seen what the beaches looked like before they were closed, and although this was mostly caused by the Spring Breakers there is no guarantee that similar instances would not occur now. Even during the "off season" our beaches can be crowded. This has been a difficult time for all of us but I feel that being prudent is the best plan of action. Respectfully,
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Topic Consideration to reopen some beaches/condo pools
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments
With over 20,000 confirmed cases and 500 deaths, we are one of the worst ranked states in the country for cases of coronavirus! If the Pinellas County commissioners take the IRRESPONSIBLE action on Thursday to reopen condominium pools (a venue that characteristically has close quarters/ easy spread of virus) and beaches we could be in far worse shape than we are now! No action should be taken until this virus is UNDER CONTROL !
Coronavirus is easily transferable and for people over 60 there's a higher probability that it is deadly! There is no vaccine yet! New York had a huge surge because of their crowded conditions and opening beaches could easily create that same situation for us! If the number of cases is under control in a few weeks, that would be the time to thoughtfully and carefully consider what venues could be reopened. A few impatient voices should NOT preempt common sense!

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Subject: Beach opening

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Please keep us safe and do not open our beaches. We are not yet out of danger.

Thank you in advance.

A Massaro
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Sent from my iPhone

Bachteler, James J

From: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW:

From: Debbie Mckiernan [mailto:debgrimes724@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda <bccagendacomment@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject:

Definitely not in favor of opening beaches and pools until we are sure it is safe! Opening could cost lives. We have not shown a plateau. Selfishness will not work. I love our beaches very much. I live close, walk and swim several times a week at Indian Rocks Beach. I am willing to wait to enjoy the beaches again when it is safe.

Bachteler, James J

From: Comments, BCC Agenda
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From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller [mailto:noreply@mypinellasclerk.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 3:45 PM
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Subject:

Live Form

Topic Discussion of Beaches and Pool Reopening
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Commissioners, We are thankful for the additional steps that were taken over the past few weeks by the State and local Pinellas County leaders to protect the residents from Covid-19 viral disease. Unfortunately, recent news of the Pinellas County Commissioners considering this week the re-opening of the beaches and pools for exercise, flies in the face of science. It is calculated mistake and will only lead to more cases and spreading of the disease. I live in Indian Rocks Beach and the beaches this past weekend were crowded. They were many large groups, demographics 20-30 years old acting like business as usual, oblivious to the potential sickness of Covid-19. Simply being near an infected person who coughs, sneezes, or talks can expose you to their infected respiratory droplets, the CDC says. If those virus-containing particles land in your eyes, nose, or mouth, or if they get on your hands and you rub any of those places on your face, you could possibly acquire the infection. Researchers have detected COVID-19 viral RNA and live virus in specimens other than nose-throat swabs and sputum samples, raising the possibility that the disease may spread through additional routes. "As many as 25% to 50% of people with COVID-19 might not show symptoms, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. However, those individuals could still spread the disease to others." Epidemiologist Cindy Prins is a clinical associate professor in the University of Florida's Department of Epidemiology. She is also the director of the university's Master of Public Health program. When measuring the projected spread of a virus, epidemiologists look at several factors. Prins said the first factor is how transmissible the virus is. In COVID-19's case, the transmissible rate is high. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in addition to person-

to-person direct transmission, the virus can live on surfaces for roughly 17 to 72 hour.” Another unknown is whether infected people know they are sick and how that effects transmission. Prins said with COVID-19, infected people may not realize they are ill.“Another factor is going to be the fact that we do have asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission,” Prins said. The final factor is human behavior, meaning how well the public adheres to professional health advice and government restrictions or advisories. Prins said this factor is largely unpredictable. These issues sum up to two problems: 1. There is no clear count of who really has COVID-19 in Florida. 2. There are likely people infected who don’t know it, and they may be spreading it. Prins emphasized that staying home whenever possible is so critical. And she said this is likely why community transmission continues to increase. If you reopen, who is going to manage the beaches, the crowds, the Sherriff’s department? Who is going to monitor the pools? I urge you to not open the beaches because of the danger of the continued spreading this disease with its given mortality. Secondly, ignore the pressure and follow the science and do not open the pools, they are smaller and have more intense contact. The human behavior of “give an inch, they will take a mile” is the lurking "Killing" factor here.

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Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Beach and Pool Vote

From: m hnrhn [mailto:mhnrhn@hotmail.com]
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To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Beach and Pool Vote

Ms. Gerard,

On March 1, 2020, The Governor issued Executive Order 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency as a result of COVID-19; and on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and Finally, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19.

We are thankful for the additional steps taken over the past few weeks by the State, local and Pinellas County leaders to protect the residents from this dreadful disease. Unfortunately, recent news of the Pinellas County Commissioners considering this week the re-opening of the beaches and pools for exercise, flies in the face of science. It is calculated mistake and will only lead to more cases and spreading of the disease.

I live in Indian Rocks Beach and the beaches this past weekend were crowded. No apparent effort for space separation, no monitoring of the beaches by Sherriff's department. They were many large groups, demographics 20-30 years old acting like business as usual, oblivious to the potential sickness of Covid-19.

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Another unknown is whether infected people know they are sick and how that affects transmission. Prins said with COVID-19, infected people may not realize they are ill.

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If you reopen, who is going to manage to beaches, the crowds, the Sherriff's department? Who is going to monitor the pools?

I urge you to not open the beaches because of the danger of the continued spreading this disease with its given mortality. Secondly, ignore the pressure and follow the science and do not open the pools, they are smaller and have more intense contact.

The human behavior of "give an inch, they will take a mile" is the lurking factor here.

Follow the science, do the right thing, vote No!

Stay at home,

Marty Hanrahan
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Indian Rocks Beach

Bachteler, James J

From: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW:

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller [mailto:noreply@mypinellasclerk.org]
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Live Form

Topic Reopening the beaches
BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

As a resident of Clearwater Beach I am demanding that the beaches NOT be reopened. We saw what happened during Spring Break. I blame not only the Governor but the local authorities for that fiasco. We saw that even young adults on their own did not make good decisions. What do you think bored adolescents with no supervision will do? We will have a repeat of what happened during Spring Break. The beaches need to remain closed until this crisis is over. The state has not even reached its peak & we are only in the beginning of the pandemic. If you pursue this reckless path it will affect your reelection. I have already heard murmurings at work re the Governor by people who admitted to voting for him but will not in the future because of his lack of responsiveness & procrastination. Should you pursue this dangerous path you will be held accountable. For every person that dies of CoV in our county you will have to wonder what part your decisions played in contributing to the spread of the virus. Your constituents are watching to see if you possess the wisdom & discernment we were believing in when we entrusted you with our welfare. I am appalled that this is even being discussed. You should be ashamed given the hardship citizens have had endured to try to "flatten the curve." Now you propose what can not be otherwise described as any thing but a stupid idea. This proposal should NOT be discussed until we see a significant & dramatic drop in the number of infections. As a resident I pay a lot of taxes to live here & because of the closure I have not even gone anywhere near the beach. I saw firsthand the dangerous behavior going on during Spring Break. Law enforcement should not be taxed with the additional issue of enforcing social distancing & patrolling the beaches. Residents know that despite the rules, people blatantly ignored them. Our community was unnecessarily put at

risk because of the procrastination of the Governor. Spring Break should have never occurred giving the seriousness of the situation.

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Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Keep Pinellas Closed

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

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Subject: Keep Pinellas Closed

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Good Morning Commissioners,

Please continue to prioritize the health of our Pinellas County citizens and keep the beaches closed. Please do not allow non essential businesses to reopen as this premature action could likely cause our Coronavirus cases to spike and citizens, especially senior and those with chronic medical conditions, will suffer. I don't think you want that reality. Listen you our national infectious disease specialists and the CDC.

I appreciate your efforts to protect our health and commend you for all that you have done.

Regards,

Jerry Buttelwerth
St. Petersburg

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Reopening Pinellas County Beaches

From: Lori Brown [mailto:lori.brown19@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Reopening Pinellas County Beaches

Pat,

I realize I can only speak for myself, however, I know many that feel the way that I do. If you give a child a little rope, how much do you think they will take? This is absolutely ridiculous when Hillsborough County is smart enough to implement a curfew that they are enforcing. The beaches need to stay closed!! As much as I would love to go there too, we need to all stay at home! Period! Please take this seriously and take the lives of this county seriously. Thank you!

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Subject: FW: 4/14 - Keep beaches closed

From: Lou Claudio [mailto:lou.sea@verizon.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 1:40 PM

To: Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: 4/14 - Keep beaches closed

Greetings, esteemed Commissioners...I hope you and all those dear to you are staying safe and well; I'm fine. I am reading with a great sense of irony that our Sheriff wants you to keep the beaches closed. After his initial resistance to the idea, I'm glad to see him taking this position...one with which I agree. You give people an inch and there's always some knuckleheads that will take a mile. Perhaps my 2 cousins in NYC testing positive exacerbate my outlook about our situation, but my view is that any relaxation of restrictions will only contribute to a never-ending cycle of occurrence and recurrence. I understand that culturally we are an impatient / got-to-have-it-now people...and we want our old lives back. We are depending on you - our leaders...at all levels - to have the restraint and discipline where we don't.

Keep the beaches closed...and HOA pools. I'm seeing people in my subdivision I've never seen before doing power-walks through the place. At our pool, people usually just mostly lay-back in the sun...take a dip to cool...lay-back in the sun. Stay safe, stay well...regards, Lou

Louis Claudio
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Safety Harbor, FL 34695-4501

Bachteler, James J

From: Virginia Pelosi <pinkflamingo.2060@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Beaches/pools

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Hi. Commissioner Gerard,

I'm writing about the beach and pool closure discussion that you'll be having Thursday at your meeting. I need to encourage you to vote against opening the pools if it's the all or nothing then I would want you to vote against both.

I'm happy to tell you why. I am a community association manager and it was like pulling teeth to get the condos to close their pools. I literally had a board member take the request from the sheriff and still didn't notify the rest of the board to close the pool. The reason being his wife likes to swim. This was after the association attorney recommended the pool be closed and him knowing the Sheriffs order was mandatory.

You need to understand none of these people will follow the 6' rule.

Secondly, if you get it open we will never get them to close the pools again!

Finally the thing you need to understand is after speaking with an insurance agent, for a couple of my communities, he pointed out many of the associations would not have coverage.

If someone were to sue the association, for catching the virus at the pool, apparently the insurance policies have built in exemptions. We're gonna have associations that can't afford to fight the lawsuit. It's better to leave it alone.

Take Care
Stay safe

G. Farrell

Sent from my iPhone

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Poor judgement!

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

From: Deb Glatfelter [mailto:shebentley@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 1:21 PM

To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Poor judgement!

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To whom it may concern;

As a healthcare provider, I find it in poor judgement to even remotely consider opening the beaches back up. We as adults, have many opportunities for exercise, we do not need the beaches to accomplish this. I think this will only cause groups to gather and further risk to all pinellas county residents. Please, I beg that you educate yourself on this virus, infection control and what the nation is trying to do to deter the spread of this virus. This action makes us look like entitled spoiled humans who can't be still and follow these temporary rules. Opening the beaches serves no purpose at this time!! I'm shocked it's even on the table for discussion! This is totally poor judgement and lack of compassion for the frontline workers that are trying to just survive ...and all you can worry about is opening the beaches and pools. I am sure those in favor of this decision have not lost loved ones due to this virus! Please just stop and think!

Thank You,

Concerned Pinellas County Resident

Bachteler, James J

From: David Groeller <dgroeller@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Our health and safety

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Dear Commissioners,

While I am a resident of Hillsborough County, your decisions during this pandemic certainly impact me and all the citizens of Tampa Bay. First of all, thank you for all you've done thus far to keep us all healthy during this time and assisting us all to flatten the curve.

With that in mind, I would encourage you to continue to keep the beaches and non-essential businesses closed.

Thank you for keeping the health and safety of all the residents of the Tampa Bay Area healthy and safe.

Sincerely,
David Groeller
8532 Acorn Ridge Ct
Tampa, FL 33625

Sent from my iPad

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Opening the beaches

From: linda medeiros [mailto:bchlad08@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:19 AM

To: Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Cc: Greenleaf, Kim <kgreenleaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Opening the beaches

Dear Commissioners:

While I understand that many people want to access the beach, it's not a need. People need to be safe. The social distancing safe guards that have been put in place to help us stay safe have helped, but we're not "there" yet. The TBT reported on Friday that the numbers of cases in Florida are 10% more than what the health department is reporting, and we know that number is increasing.

I believe that opening the beaches would jeopardize the well being of our residents and visitors and hope that this decision is held off until we are totally in the clear. Hopefully the "greater good" is the county's priority.

Sincerely,
Linda Medeiros
Dunedin

Sent from my iPad

Bachteler, James J

From: Patrick Mercier <pmercier@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Safety of Floridians

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Thank you for keeping the health and safety of all the residents of the Tampa Bay Area healthy and safe.

Sincerely,
John Patrick Mercier
8532 Acorn Ridge Court
Tampa, FL 33625

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Subject: Proposal to reopen beaches/pools

From: nickpusta@kenick.com [mailto:nickpusta@kenick.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 7:10 PM

To: Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

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Dear County Commissioners-

I have been a Belle Vista resident on St Pete Beach since 1989. My Lisa has asthma. We are extremely concerned that the Pinellas County Commission is considering reopening condo pools and the beaches. Please stand up for the residents of St. Pete Beach by opposing this proposal.

We've stayed indoors and worked hard to get where we are with this Covid-19 scourge .

It took some time, but people finally got the message not to go to the beach. Tourists went home. Residents are staying in, keeping six feet apart when they must go and exercising inside. Most of us are taking this seriously.

The employees of Publix, our only grocery store, put their health and lives on the line every day to provide us with essential supplies.

How can Pinellas County justify relaxing these rules that the citizens have worked so hard to maintain just because a few complain they can't exercise in the condo pool or take a stroll on the beach?

Relaxing the rules already in place will reverse any progress made toward keeping the virus from spreading in our city. We all want to get this behind us and see business at our hotels, restaurants and stores flourish again.

Please be proactive here and let the Pinellas County Commission know we do not want to lose the ground we've gained thus far.

Sincerely-

Nick

Nick A. Pusta
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St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
nickpusta@kenick.com
727-480-9518 cell

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Request for Modification of Resolution 20-17 Upon Renewal

From: Evan Soileau [mailto:enoels1912@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:56 PM

To: Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Request for Modification of Resolution 20-17 Upon Renewal

Greetings Board of Commissioners,

Whereas, the State of Florida does not currently have any order in place suggesting or requiring county governments to close access to beaches.

Whereas, beaches in the State of Georgia continue to remain open after the governor's executive order (<https://thehill.com/homenews/news/491157-georgia-beaches-reopen-after-governors-executive-order>).

Whereas, Volusia County (<https://www.news-journalonline.com/news/20200404/coronavirus-volusia-county-eases-restrictions-on-beach-closure>) and Brevard County (<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2020/04/03/brevard-county-beaches-remain-open-with-heightened-restrictions-amid-covid-19-pandemic/>) are allowing limited activity on their beaches for essential exercise purposes in consideration of the Governor's State Order.

Whereas, the number of new cases daily within the State of Florida has flattened and begun to decline per public records (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429>).

Whereas, Pinellas County has a substantially lower than average positivity rate of 5.4% compared to the state average of 10.5% and compared to 17.5% in hotspots like Miami-Dade County (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429>).

Whereas, checkpoints put in place by the State of Florida at the state border and at airports will limit travel from high-risk areas of the country (<https://wsvn.com/news/local/florida/gov-desantis-orders-checkpoints-on-i-10-and-i-95-to-screen-travelers/>).

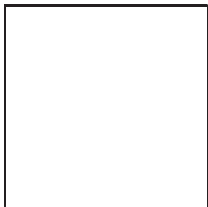
Whereas, enforcement of the beach closure is inconsistent across the county in various jurisdictions and within jurisdictions themselves (some areas have no barriers at beach access points, some have tape, and some have secured plywood barriers) causing dissent among citizens.

Whereas, the jurisdiction of Pinellas County over the beaches ends at the wet sand line (<https://go.activecalendar.com/pinellascounty/site/pressrelease/event/pinellas-county-beach-closures-faqs/>) leaving that area of the beach legally accessible if CDC guidelines are followed.

Whereas, limited access to the beaches for non-stationary activities such as jogging, walking, biking, and swimming can be performed in accordance with all CDC guidelines.

Now, therefore, I, as a resident of Pinellas County, respectfully request, for the reasons stated above, that the board of commissioners consider adopting a resolution that would (1) leave the beach closure resolution in place but (2) modify the requirements to permit non-stationary, essential exercise activities including walking, jogging, biking, and swimming in accordance with CDC guidelines in groups of no more than 10 and (3) request local jurisdictions to remove barriers barring beach access points to allow for this essential exercise.

Regards,
Evan Soileau
Linda Soileau



Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Please keep beaches and dog groomers CLOSED

From: Matthew Stewart [mailto:mdstewar@mail.usf.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:31 AM

To: Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Please keep beaches and dog groomers CLOSED

Good morning.

Please continue to prioritize the health of citizens and keep the beaches closed and do not allow non essential businesses to reopen, let alone dog groomers.

I appreciate your efforts to protect our health and commend you for all that you have done.

Regards,
Matt Stewart, PhD

Bachteler, James J

From: Margo Stewart <Mogeygone@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Heath of citizens

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Good afternoon,

I appreciate your efforts to protect all the citizens of Pinellas County. Please continue to prioritize the health of citizens and keep the beaches closed, and also do not allow nonessential businesses to reopen.

Stay Healthy,

M. G. Stewart

Sent from my iPad

Sent from my iPad

Bachteler, James J

Subject: FW: Beach opening

From: dzehnder [mailto:dzehnder@tampabay.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 4:13 PM

To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Beach opening

I'm sure this will be a very polarizing issue. I feel that the beaches need to stay CLOSED until May 1st. By then we should have more info on the spread of the Coronavirus

Sincerely,

Dale & Donna Zehnder

502 40th Ave. N.E.

St. Petersburg, FL 33703

727-502-9607

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Bachteler, James J

From: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW:

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller [mailto:noreply@mypinellasclerk.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda <bccagendacomment@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject:

Live Form

Topic Thursday meeting on opening Condominium pool

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue

Comments I live at the DaVinci in Indian Rocks Beach Fl. I believe if open the pools and beach's will run the risk of unleashing a second wave of infection of the Coronavirus by lifting the current restriction on social distancing too early according to the epidemiologist at the CDC. We have 21 units in the building and if every owner invited one guest to pool area we will not be able to control the required distance to keep the infection under control. The average age in our building is 60 over above and they are at high risk for infection. Please consider my request until we testing available for our area. Thank you

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Email egghali@gmail.com

Bachteler, James J

From: terri hayslett <terrihayslett@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: Thursday meeting on opening Condominium pools

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I live at the DaVinci in Indian Rocks Beach Fl. I am requesting that the private condo pools not be opened on Thursday as it will create a false impression that people can gather in excess of 10 in an area. It only takes one or two owners to invite outsiders and owners then cannot use the pool themselves and it brings in outsiders who we dont know. While the ban is on we need to enforce closure of these pools. I wish i could say our owners are smarter than this, but they arent. PLEASE DONT OPEN CONDO POOLS?

Sent from my iPad

Bachteler, James J

From: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW:

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller [mailto:noreply@mypinellasclerk.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda <bccagendacomment@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject:

Live Form

Topic keep condo pols and beaches closed

BCC Agenda Date 4-16-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments how can you think of opening the beaches and condo pools? have you been out not many people are wearing masks and protecting themselves. what a dumb idea. you have to trust the people stop and open your eyes.

Citizen Name Nancy Stone

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United States

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