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Thanks Mr. Waddell.

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COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY!!!

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Greetings Commissioner Ken Welch,

It is apparent at this time we face a regional issue rather than a county issue. At this time I believe a regional approach would be more effective, understanding that commerce in our tri/quad counties the area and population of approximately 3 to 5 million people that commute throughout this region. The logistics to avoid anything but a restart (Stay Safe at Home) are virtually impossible, the vision required to avoid a disastrous outcome is necessary immediately, we have discussed this since June 23rd, 2020. We are resource-poor and the worst that is yet to come has not been planned for. The plan is to make your own plan and think ahead, plan ahead for the worst and hope for the best.

I would like for you as offered the assurances that all attached documents including this correspondence and statements under citizens to be heard and related agenda items be recorded into the Public Record. I understand that the email correspondence sent to the Board of County Commissioners has decreased. I find that baffling for two reasons, one as stated by Board Chair Commissioner Gerard said during the meeting that you were inundated by 800 -1000 emails from the community, and if so no reason to speak under citizens to be heard. During that very meeting, I asked the board who had received or read any of my documents submitted by raising your hand, only one commissioner raised a hand. The second reason for concern is people don't think you care as stated by Chair Pat Gerard on her Facebook page commented

"They just don't care" meaning the state and federal government.

This has been overwhelming for us all, particularly when the chair cuts are speaking time from 3 minutes to

2 minutes at such a critical time in our counties history. As well, to schedule any agenda item that does not

relate to our current STATE OF EMERGENCY. The citizens of this county deserve better than that. I hope and

pray you and the board's leadership skills will rise to the occasion, we are indeed on our own as a region. Time to muster all resources and expertise and apply all effort we have, or it will be time to assign blame, take responsibility and liability it comes with. We are counting on all of you, please do not disappoint us.

Best Regards,

David Scott Waddell.

President, Pinellas Groves Hamlet Citizens Committee.

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Honorable Chair, the Board of County Commissioners and Staff.

Thank You for the opportunity to be heard before you today. My name is David S. Waddell, I reside at 4835 164th Ave. N. Clearwater, Fl. 33762.

I want to commend you for guiding the community, and providing a sense of certainty in these uncertain times. I have come before you to provide a real time account of the events that led to my being knowingly exposed to Covid-19 and the exercise in dealing with what do I do next. It is clearly apparent that masks and social distancing have all but disappeared, pre pandemic mentality, some of this is due to the virus becoming a political hot potato and wearing a mask some sign of some sign. Thank God I wear a mask in public always; I am a cancer survivor and a caregiver to a cancer survivor with other pre-existing conditions, we did everything right as he received his radiation treatments for 6 weeks ending on April 28.

As a society it is our civic duty and responsibility to contribute to minimizing the spread of the virus by wearing a mask. I propose a civil violation, 1st offense a free mask and a warning, thereafter a \$50 fine for each occurrence, we really have no choice, common sense has lost to the uninformed or down right selfish ignorance. The bigger problem is that businesses that interact with the public have no requirement to report an employee positive test unless they are a human medical related business, which in my case led to my exposure at a Veterinary Clinic, for which like all businesses is voluntary reporting of employee exposure, anyone got a match because this will set this virus ablaze like we never imagined. We also need to dramatically increase our contact-tracing and testing availability which based on my experience with the Pinellas County Health Department has left me unsure and with no real direction, (I need a test/I don't need a test-I was actually discouraged about getting one, were the other employees tested, how do we know what was voluntarily reported is accurate, why were they allowed to remain open, confirmation of contact tracing.) HIPPA laws tie our hands on valuably needed data, so this is the match and lots of fuel. Time is of the essence.

John Wayne (Federal/State leadership/aid) ain't coming, we are on our own as it's always been said, all politics is local, and everything we do begins and ends here. We are only going to get one chance at this; we are on the verge of losing all the ground we have gained. You thought that was tough this will be much more difficult. We are the next epicenter it says on the news, please no refrigerated trailers in Florida. More than likely we will have to walk back our openings.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment and Timeline</u>
April 2, 2020	I picked up my Lab Buddy's antibiotics.
April 24, 2020	Buddy and I visit the Vet for a checkup.
May 26, 2020	Buddy and I visit the Vet for a checkup.
June 8, 2020	Infected staff employee at Vet last day of work.
June 9, 2020	Infected staff employee tested positive for Covid-19.
June 10, 2020	I dropped off Buddy's file and related surgical paperwork.
June 12, 2020	Buddy and I visit the Vet. The Vet is in surgery and we cancel.
June 16, 2020	Two hours spent waiting to see the Vet. We sit in the office the whole time. 30 patrons at least come and go, no mask for staff or patrons, counted only 2 patrons wearing masks.
June 17, 2020	Contacted by the Vet Clinic as a courtesy that I may have been exposed to Covid-19 by an employee at the clinic while they remained open. They were voluntarily closing and notifying of exposure to clients. I asked if other personnel had been infected and told they cannot provide that info. I was then directed to contact the Executive Director of the Clinic which I did immediately. We spoke and I explained the seriousness of the situation and asked if he was going to contact the County Health Dept. I was shocked when he said no and asked me to forward his personal cell contact info and name. I was given no real direction and no information as how to proceed, in fact was discouraged from getting tested.
June 18, 2020	I again contacted the County Health Department on 4 attempts to gather information on my exposure but that HIPPA restrictions did not make that possible.

Thank You,

David Scott Waddell.

Thank You, Congressman Charlie Crist,

It is with sorrow that I express our predicament in Pinellas County. We have missed the window that would support an effective response. It appears we are worse off than when we started, it is shame that all of the sacrifices were for not. Now we can only shutdown again except for essential services, suspend elective surgeries, require a mask or face covering, and suggest some form of eye protection, and Stay Safe at Home Again for 2-4 weeks! This has become one big experiment with plenty of blame but we have no time now for that assignment, we will learn and reflect.

What we can do now is piggyback a contact tracing app on to the existing emergency county alert app for this purpose. Voluntary to begin with but mandatory should the outbreak continue to exponentially increase beyond our control, means, and resources. More importantly, we need mandatory reporting by employers and employees and require they participate by civic responsibility and require notification to clients and circumstances, the truth.

Ultimately this approach will provide real-time data and a sense that efforts meet the required standards of Good Government Practices and the Hippocratic oath, DO NO HARM. We have the knowledge and practice in place for a hepatitis outbreak, we have to scale up through an automated system not manual.

This is going to be very painful economically, and have an unimaginable impact on our health care system and society as a whole. We only get one chance at this, I would be fool-hearted to think we get a second chance.

It was a pleasure speaking with you today

Please see attached for your reference, this doc. was presented to the BCC on June 23rd, 2020.

Respectively,
Thank You,
David S. Waddell
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This email was sent to Pinellas County Administrator Barry Burton on July 2nd, 2020.

Hello Barry,

All of our plates are full, were way behind in our response and the toolbox is almost empty and the tool we need doesn't exist. At this point before we shoot ourselves in the foot, I am begging you to put the Stay Safe at Home Order back in place, allow essential businesses to stay open, suspended elective surgeries, require face coverings and social distancing for one month.

During this month we can beef up contact tracing, implement mandatory reporting of everyone thru an anonymous database and quarantine them. Saying open from this point forward will be a disaster and an experiment gone terribly wrong

Please see my attached email to Congressman Crist and my COVID-19 doc.

Wish we could have gotten to know each other better, Love Chicago.

Be Well,

David S. Waddell

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