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Topic Reopening beaches

BCC Agenda Date 4-28-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

The native flora and fauna of Pinellas beaches and marine ecosystems have greatly benefited from the shutdown. Shorebirds and waders have been free of threat and harassment for the first time in years. Native sea oats and other flora are recovering. If you decided to reopen the beaches, please ban bicycles and motorized scooters from them. They're terrible for wildlife and for people. They're not compatible with pedestrians, children, and native species. The longer the beaches are closed, the better.

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Topic Local State of Emergency, Opening the beaches in Pinellas County

BCC Agenda Date 4-28-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

The beach communities for the most part have had little impact from Covid 19. This is good because the median age of residents tends to be close to 60 years. Visitors to the beach will also tend to stop at the drug and grocery store for food, drinks, or things they forgot and some of them will have the virus and introduce it into a population with a higher risk from the virus. I miss the beach, but for the sake of my elderly neighbors, please do not invite additional people into our towns.

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Topic Reopening beaches and pools

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Comments
With all due respect to the Sheriff, his support via Facebook for opening pools and beaches is somewhat misleading to me. His assessment is based on averages, not a true decline for 14 or 20 days. As a resident I would like to see the actual number of cases, deaths, hospital usage, and testing data for the last 20 days addressed including if the amount of testing adequate. Is it now safe for seniors to return to the beaches too? Most importantly I would like to hear what the medical community and health department is recommending. This is a health emergency and while the Sheriff can weigh in, the health department and medical community would provide more assurances for me than law enforcement does.

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Topic Beaches and pools
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Thank you for your careful protection to date from the spread of COVID 19 in Pinellas County. As we begin PHASE 1 of reopening, we need to remember that we remain in virus time/not human time and that COVID 19 REMAINS A HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS, POTENTIALLY DEADLY VIRUS. Robust testing and contact tracing have yet to be effectively implemented. To allow the floodgates to reopen to beaches in the early part of Phase I could greatly increase the chance that we will have a strong rebound of this disease. To that end, we need to continue close monitoring of the data, (to date there are over 31,000 confirmed coronavirus cases in Florida/1,094 deaths). Of the Florida beaches that have re-opened to date, smart steps have been taken to keep beaches restricted in time and activity (walking, running/not sunbathing). However, it has been observed that few beach goers are wearing protective masks and there are issues with social distancing; it only takes one asymptomatic individual to infect many people. DO NOT OPEN THE PARKING LOTS, RESTROOMS, NOR FULL RE-OPEN OF CLEARWATER BEACH, a beach that has become a strong magnet of crowds, but rather open carefully with restricted hours and restricted activity; do not yet open the parking lots until we see how this operation works. It is best to do re-opening in small steps that can be measured and observed, rather than leaps and bound. Although spring break has ended, school buildings are closed/(virtual learning has allowed for more flexibility of time) and schools/colleges will soon be completely closed for the summer. As a resident of Clearwater Beach for 15 years, I have seen the local crowds flock here, even when it is not spring break or weekends. With this potential crowd surge, there could more easily be a transmission of this disease for which we have no proven treatment or vaccine. Please also keep in mind that there are over 8,000 residents of Clearwater Beach, with a median age of 63. This

population becomes vulnerable with a crowd surge, as we have seen in other close quarter settings. As far as condo pools are concerned, open the smaller condominium buildings first (16 units or less), again to measure and observe in small steps. Full re-opening of condo pools should not take place until we have a fully effective testing program in place. Even at 50% capacity, which our 156-unit condominium tried before the Safer at Home order was put in place, social distancing was not always practiced, despite guidelines, and no one without Hazmat equipment can practically and continually wipe down all the surfaces touched in this common area environment. Please be cautious, open in carefully measured increments, and keep in mind first the health and welfare of our citizens.

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Topic Beaches

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

This focus on opening the beaches should not be priority. If you are going to open something - slowly and with social distancing - then focus on businesses. Beach walking is a luxury, not essential. Income is essential. In a time where we have no absolutes, caution is key. And if you think the public is sensible, then why are groups of people standing on corners in tight groups waving Trump flags? On my street alone, I had 15 senior citizens in a tight circle drinking on a front lawn this week. Not sensible. Not essential.

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Topic Reopening of Pinellas Beaches

BCC Agenda Date 4-28-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Please refer to my letter to the board & commissioner. This is an insane idea based on false #S (only 350,000 out of 22 million people have been tested) & kowtowing to ignorant, selfish people who can't "live w/o a beach" in the middle of an epidemic. You need to think OUTSIDE the box & realize that human society is irrevocably altered. We are NOT going to go back to society as it was. This is our opportunity to live as if we ALL matter. Focus on RETOOLING & RETRAINING people to work in this new society where health IS the economy. Start by creating jobs that provide PPE etc. AND income. If all else fails, take those self-centered folks to tell MDS, RNs, & EMTS at a hospital that they HAVE to be able to go to the beach.... Thank you in advance for having courage & vision, Maureen Kowsky

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Your Stand on the Issue

Comments

I urge you to keep the stay at home directive in place until we have adequate testing and/or a vaccine. We have many Seniors in Dunedin and many people with complicated health problems. Unfortunately the issue of public health has become politicized, and we continue to be manipulated by those in power who value profit more than people. Please look at the big picture. Is it more important that you be re-elected or that you protect your neighbors from Covid-19. Our culture has become greedy and selfish. I pray you will take time to think carefully.

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Topic Opening the pools and beaches

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Please do not re-open the beaches to public use . I live on the Gulf in Indian Shore and as it is we have multiple groups cutting through a vacant lot south of my condo at 19020 Gulf Blvd. They are not practicing social distancing. Four of us at 19020 are 65 years or older and several of us have health risks. Please do not open the beaches yet. I beg you.

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Topic Re-Opening Parks / Beaches

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Your Stand on the Issue Undecided

Comments Please consider the stress levels at the moment and IF parks/pools etc are open while other people are still home, either home schooling or working from home the noise levels of speakers and events NEEDS to be curtailed. Only mentioning because some recreation/parks leaders have no concern for surrounding areas whatsoever.

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Topic Against re opening

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Your Stand on the Issue

Comments

I dont believe enough testing has been done and I worry about all the older people in our area. I know some say they are responsible but they are not it took signs and closing businesses to keep people home. They did not do it of own free will. please consider people who are still very worried we may spike back up in cases if we do not continue to remain closed at least til end of May to get better results. We have barely been quarantined a month thank you

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Topic Beach closures

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Your Stand on the Issue Undecided

Comments

It seems as though here in Indian Rocks Beach the beaches have never been closed. People continue to go around barriers with their chairs, umbrellas, and coolers while wearing a path through the dunes and sea oats. Even with parking closed off people are parking on the side streets and hauling their beach day gear over and around the barriers. It is extremely frustrating for those of us who understand the meaning of "closed" to watch others ignore the County laws and to have a Sheriff who does not enforce the law simply because he does not agree with it. The County Sheriff's have explicitly told people it's ok to be on the beach without any regard to how people are accessing the beach. I have no faith that the Sheriff will enforce any social distancing rules once beaches are open. Let's reopen the economy before reopening the beach. With schools closed and high unemployment the beaches will be mobbed.

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Topic	Opening Beaches
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Your Stand on the Issue	Support
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Topic opening pools and beaches

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Live in Dunedin, causeway this weekend was packed with limited social distancing and no use of masks, If you open there must be very strong enforcement otherwise more people will die I am a retired physician and I understand the risks of this continuous viral threat Limited private pool use with monitoring would be fine but beaches will need to more illness, suffering and death As a physician I cannot support this at this time

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Topic Covid-19

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Comments

Please keep making the right decisions to support the guideline of Public Health/Dr.Fauci. We need public Health education at Drs offices, grocery stores regarding the use of Masks. If people would wear masks correctly they work. They are under the nose or on chin. 2 of the Tests are only 60-80% accurate for COVID-19. Please do not open beaches. We will have every uneducated, non compliant individuals at our gas stations, grocery stores in our local community. First educate the public! Masks help us all. My husband and I are Scientists.

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