

Young, Bernie C

From: Mel Saraceno <torinojuly30@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 8:13 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] Indoor mask wearing

Importance: Low

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Please maintain mask wearing indoors ordinance. It is a lifesaver. Literally.

Carmelo Saraceno
St pete resident

Young, Bernie C

From: Jean Cowan <cowanj@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 2:45 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] KEEP MASKS MANDATE IN PINELLAS
Importance: Low

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I beg you, mask mandate is a matter of PUBLIC SAFETY, not to be political. We want to live, keep our family safe and move forward not backward. Thank you.

Jean Cowan

Excuse any typos sent from my iPad

Young, Bernie C

From: Claire Stiglitz <claire.stiglitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] masks

Importance: Low

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Commissioner Gerard,

The only way to get a handle on the corona virus spikes and spread is by wearing a mask and social distancing. It is completely irresponsible for government leaders to rescind that requirement. My granddaughter is in person at school. Will the mask requirement be ended for her as well? She feels very safe going to school, social distancing and wearing a mask. I can't imagine why someone would want to get rid of masks. Is wearing a seat belt an infringement of freedom? I don't think so. Wearing a mask is critical. Other countries who have been very strict about mask wearing have few or no cases of covid. Is 1000 cases a day an acceptable number in the US? Why? Please vote to keep the ordinance in place in all indoor establishments. The science is clear.

Claire Stiglitz

Young, Bernie C

From: Helen <bernic0504@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] Masks

Importance: Low

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Please keep the mask ordinance in place!! Very important!

Helen Goldschmidt

Sent from my iPhone

Young, Bernie C

From: Marcia Molle <mmolle4898@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 7:23 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Do not discontinue the mask ordinance

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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners:

I am aware that the Board of Commissioners is considering whether the ordinance referenced above should be continued or abandoned.

I am in favor of keeping the current ordinance in place. Based on current evidence it is obvious that our progress in stemming the spread of COVID has been in a large part due to our protecting each other by the wearing of masks, as well as social distancing. As this is the beginning of the cold and flu season, as well as currently contending with COVID, I feel it would be unwise to let our guard down now.

No one wants to wear a mask, but a little inconvenience from all of us now can go a long way to help us all stay safe.

Sincerely,
Marcia Molle' and Mark Isenberg
450 Hickorynut Avenue
Oldsmar, FL 34677

Young, Bernie C

From: Sue Rosenbluth <suerose72@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Face Mask Ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Gerard,

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Sincerely,
Sue Rosenbluth
Largo, FL

Sent from my iPad

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From: steve@skybeamenergy.com
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Dear Ms. Gerard,

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Thank you,

Stephen Wiseman

Sent from App for Gmail

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From: Jennie Blackburn <jennie@blackburncoastalrealty.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 2:09 PM
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Pat, please continue to vote your conscience on the face mask requirements. When the dust settles, people who opposed face masks 😊 will probably willfully forget who tried to do the right thing. But it will be fun to remind them! 😊

Jennie Blackburn, Realtor & Home Staging Design Agent Jennie@blackburncoastalrealty.com

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Young, Bernie C

From: Peter Betzer <pbetzwer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Cc: Peter Betzer; Susan Betzer
Subject: Fwd: Mask Ordinance

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I am ever so sorry to bother you with a second try but my e-mail system said it did not recognize your address. I do hope you receive the message my wife and I wrote.

Your understanding is appreciated.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter Betzer <pbetzwer@gmail.com>
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: September 13, 2020 at 4:46:32 PM EDT
To: Janet Long <janetclong@pinellascounty.org>, pgerard@pinellascounty.org, Charlie Justice <cjustice@pinellascounty.org>, deggers@pinellascounty.org, Karen Seel <kseel@pinellascounty.org>, kpeters@pinellascounty.org, Ken Welch <kwelch@pinellascounty.org>
Cc: Peter Betzer <pbetzwer@gmail.com>, Susan Betzer <susanbetzer@gmail.com>

Honorable Commissioners,

Multiple studies have shown that individuals can spread the Coronavirus without knowing they are infected. The only way to protect people who come in contact with those who are asymptomatic (infected but with no symptoms) is to require everyone to wear a face mask in all public places. We are fortunate to have many fundamental freedoms in our country but we should not be free to infect others. Face masks have been proven to minimize the assault of the deadly virus that is afflicting our society and our Pinellas County Commission should act responsibly and require face masks be worn in all public places.

Peter R. Betzer, Ph.D. and Susan B. Betzer, Ph.D., M.D.

Young, Bernie C

From: J TAVARONE <jmtawp548@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 7:36 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Fwd: Pinellas Mask Ordinance

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I am forwarding this to each Pinellas County Council Member. Please see my concerns below. Thank you in advance.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: J TAVARONE <jmtawp548@aol.com>
Date: September 13, 2020 at 7:31:01 PM EDT
To: JanetCLong@pinellascounty.org
Subject: Pinellas Mask Ordinance

I am writing on behalf of my 94 y/o mother and myself to express our strong desire to have the City Commissioners vote to continue the requirement to wear masks.

My mom was a resident at Freedom Square Assisted Living Facility, where as you know, so many elderly perished due to Covid infection. We removed her from that facility and she resides with me. I am 67 y/o and do all of the shopping, cleaning, cooking, etc for our household. Everytime I need to make a necessary, food/medicine run...I worry that I may inadvertently pick-up the virus and bring it home to her, even though I take every precaution. She would not survive a Covid infection, due to pre-existing heart and lung issues.

Recent reports are saying we are flattening but at too high a rate, especially as we enter flu season and are awaiting the delayed impact of schools/universities having reopened. Why would we consider relaxing the current ordinance? Public health concerns should be paramount versus attempting to appease those who chose to be noncompliant. Please do the right thing and vote to protect the health of everyone in Pinellas County...protecting even those who chose not to be protected.

I believe a vaccine is forthcoming, but until it does and our residents receive that level of protection — let's not repeat the mistakes made in the earliest months of this pandemic's arrival to our shores. I want to know my county is doing all it can to protect its elderly, disabled, youth and those who are fortunate enough to be stronger (not necessarily in will and vocalness alone.)

Can we count on you to help protect us?

Janet Proper
Seminole, Florida

Sent from my iPhone

Young, Bernie C

From: Jackie Shep <jshepherd1123@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 9:53 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Keep the masks

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Sent from my iPad

Young, Bernie C

From: Nancy Snyder <nancws@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask mandate

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As citizens who are considered to be in the higher risk group, over 60 years old, my husband and I urge the commission to keep the mask mandate in enforcement. It is a very important part of mitigating the corona virus. We will soon be entering the flu season, and all due diligence must be done to save all lives. Thank you

Nancy Snyder

Sent from my iPad

Young, Bernie C

From: Jeannie Raffin <jbraffin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 8:56 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Dear Pinellas County Commissioner,

When you meet this week, please vote to keep the mask mandate in place. The number of infections is down but the number of deaths has not fallen as much. Pinellas County is #4 in the state for number of deaths. As a senior citizen, I implore you to keep the masks in place and protect all of our citizens but especially those most vulnerable.

Yes my husband and I are taking measures to keep ourselves safe. We are NOT going to restaurants, bars or family gatherings. We want to remain safe as we make essential trips (grocery store, bank, doctors office etc).

Please don't take the side of this highly political subject and placate the anti-maskers. The county has seen great cooperation and significant progress. Let's not undo it all. We are not at zero cases or zero deaths yet.

Thank you,

Jeannie & Charlie Raffin
Largo

Sent from my iPhone

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Young, Bernie C

From: Ann Marie Bonvicino <annmariebon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 9:24 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask Order

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Please keep the mandatory mask order in place.

Ann Bonvicino

Sent from my iPad

Young, Bernie C

From: Nan <nanstandfast@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask ordinance

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Please keep the current mask ordinance in place.

ThNks

Sent from my iPad

Young, Bernie C

From: gordyhawkins@juno.com
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask Ordinance

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Hello Ms. Gerard, please vote to keep the mask ordinance in place. This is about people's safety, not politics. Thank you, Debby Lunt, Madeira Beach

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From: Danielle Upbin <rabbiupbin@cbsclearwater.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 2:20 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask ordinance

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Hello!

I understand that the mask ordinance is up for discussion. For the safety of our community, please keep the mask ordinance in place.

Best,

Danielle Upbin

Rabbi Danielle Upbin
Congregation Beth Shalom
1325 South Belcher Rd
Clearwater, FL 33764
Cbsclearwater.org
Danielleupbin.com
@rabbi.dani

Young, Bernie C

From: Cindy Feder <feder.cindy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask ordinance

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Dr. Councilperson Gerard,

As a resident of Pinellas County I implore you to vote to keep the mask requirement for indoor establishments in place. I strongly believe that loosening restrictions which seem to be helping would be a huge mistake and will cause the numbers to go up again. Unfortunately not all citizens can be relied upon to adhere to CDC recommended precautions on their own.

Thank you,

Cynthia Feder

1800 Crescent Lake Drive

St. Petersburg

Sent from my iPhone

Young, Bernie C

From: Martha Margolis <marthamarvelous@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask ordinance

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A political opinion may differ from a scientific opinion and as at risk citizens we respectfully request that you keep the ordinance in place. Our lives are at stake even though we are seldom out in public. One super spreader can infect many, not by intent but by arrogance. Many countries have had to backtrack on quarantine because they let up too soon. Please do the right thing for the people whom you represent.

Thank you,

Martha Margolis Safety Harbor

Sent from my iPhone

Martha

Young, Bernie C

From: Pat Dieterich <pat.dieterich1949@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 7:16 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask ordinance

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Keep the masks on—vital for our safety!

Pat Dieterich

Young, Bernie C

From: Pat <pat@patrickbrophy.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 6:52 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask ordinance

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I want to have the ordinance remain in place for wearing masks in all indoor establishments.

Thank you,
T. Patrick Brophy

Young, Bernie C

From: Ann Grazier <agrazier@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 6:49 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask Ordinance

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Please continue mask requirement for indoor public spaces. Thank you

Young, Bernie C

From: razel718@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask requirement must stay in place.

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I urge you to vote for continuing the requirement for masks to be worn indoors. The pandemic is not over. We must stay diligent.

Randi Kraus
Clearwater, FL

Young, Bernie C

From: Dennis Shea <dshea@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask Rule

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This pandemic is far from over. Keep the mask rule in effect. Better safe than sorry.

Dennis Shea (76 year old)
Tierra Verde

Young, Bernie C

From: Joni Higger <joni1818@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask wearing

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I am a registered Pinellas County voter and I urge you to keep the requirement of wearing a mask indoors order in place. Wearing a mask should not be a political issue. It is about public safety!

Thank you,

Joni Higger

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From: charles gamble <csgamble75@gmail.com>
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Respectively

Charles Gamble

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I'm a nurse at All Kids! Please continue to keep us safe ! Flu season is around the corner. Continue with face masks!
Debbie Ray

Sent from my iPad

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From: Jeanette Rodríguez <jrodr311@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 11:02 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: masks - please keep

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Good Afternoon:

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We are entering flu season. Stopping the mask mandate will only allow for the possibility of overwhelming the healthcare system during these next few months. The healthcare system is still not recovered from the initial effects of sars-cov2. It is still challenging to find a specialist as a new patient. If COVID takes more of a medical priority again, patients will be waiting forever for routine, but important care.

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Sincerely,

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Jeanette Rodríguez

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We need to save lives and keep the mask ordinance.

MadelynBrodsky

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Please please do not politicize masks. We NEED to wear them for our own good and the community's. Vote for keeping the ordinance. Thank you, Maria Saraceno Pinellas resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

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From: Carol Machael <cmachael@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 7:38 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
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Please retain the mask ordinance. I want to continue to feel safe when I shop.

Thank you

Carol Machael

Young, Bernie C

From: Sandy Wilson <sandinhereshoesfl@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Masks

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I would like to sincerely request that you vote to keep the required mask ordinance at all indoor locations in Pinellas County. I sincerely believe that we are doing better here because of such measures.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sandy Wilson

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From: Janis Rosser <JanR@rosserlaw.com>
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Dear Ms. Gerard,

I have been made aware that the Commissioner will be voting on the issue of wearing masks. Please express that it is not quite time to allow folks to go maskless. Soon but not now. I would not object to putting a time limit on it as it may assuage those that feel their rights are being violated. It is hard to determine a good time but I will just throw out November 5, after the election. It is possible that people will be afraid to vote in person without others wearing masks and will not have had the foresight to request a mail-in ballot. Thank you for your attention. Jan Rosser, 886 Weathersfield Drive, Dunedin 34698.

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Young, Bernie C

From: Theresa Seymour <tspol@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Masks

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To the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners,

According to the most respected healthcare professionals this virus is far from over. In every case where restrictions were relaxed there was a surge in cases. Schools, Colleges, places of worship, etc. But you know all this. So, it is incomprehensible to me that you would even consider removing the mask mandate for Pinellas County.

I am reminded of the decision of former Governor Jeb Bush to abolish emission testing on all vehicles in Florida because “because **Florida** met all Federal Clean-Air standards.” Pollution from emissions has increased by 55% since 1990. It’s no wonder that we the people have so little faith in our government to do the right thing instead of what’s expedient or appealing to the lowest common denominator, meaning those who yell the loudest regardless of how things might impact others.

I beg you to do the right thing and keep those masks in place until you are positive that we will be safe without them.

Theresa Seymour

Young, Bernie C

From: Sandra Fisher <sandima35@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:34 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Masks

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The continued wearing of masks is imperative. This is for the public safety. Please vote for the continuation of mask wearing.

Thank you,
Sandra Fisher
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727-785-1454

Sent from my iPad

Young, Bernie C

From: Michelle Felasco <michelletbaf@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:14 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Masks

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I am writing due to hearing you are considering removing the mask ordinance. I am asking that you do not do that. The reason our numbers are down is due to people wearing masks. I am a health care giver, a wife to someone who has leukemia, a grandmother to someone who just started kindergarten. If the mask mandate is removed all of us have a greater chance of getting sick due to Covid 19. I know our numbers will increase again. Please keep the mask ordinance in place. For the safety of all of us in Pinellas County.

Thank you,

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Young, Bernie C

From: Mickey Schwartz <mickey6600@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Pinellas County mask mandate

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I understand that the County Commission will be meeting to discuss the continuation of the mask mandate. It seems that COVID-19 cases have stabilized in the county and that things are heading in the right direction. Thankfully, this is due to the restrictions that have been put in place. Now is not the time to pull back. Wearing a mask is the least we can do to save lives. To say that we'll remove the mask mandate and see how things go is a complete shirking of your responsibility as a leader. I implore you to continue the mask mandate for at least another 30 days and then re-evaluate the situation. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Michael Schwartz
Palm Harbor

Young, Bernie C

From: Siobhan Nehin <snehin@me.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 5:55 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Please keep the mask ordinance in place!

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Dear Commissioner Gerard,

Please keep the mask ordinance in place!

With bars opening again and children back at school, there's potential for an upswing in cases.
Help us stay safe!

I'm a healthy 63 year old living in Tarpon Springs.

Most of the county residents wearing masks has been **lifestyle game changer—**
making it possible for me and my husband to go out and about... **spend money and make money!**

We are landscape/exterior designers due to Covid 19 concerns, we took a hiatus from seeing clients for close to four months. We are back working now and hope to keep working, but only if we feel safe.

When the pandemic hit, we didn't go anywhere from mid-March
to the beginning of July with the exception of food shopping.
Masks work!

Stay safe and
Warm Regards,

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Siobhan Nehin/ Exterior Designer

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Young, Bernie C

From: ronib2 <ronib2@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 6:05 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Please vote YES to keeping the mask

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Dear Commissioner Gerard,

I lost my beloved brother, Jack, to Covid 19 on April 30, 2020. I don't want another person to suffer the painful loss of a family member, friend or neighbor.

Please vote to keep the ordinance which requires masks.

With deepest gratitude,

Roni Igel

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Young, Bernie C

From: Karen Eisler <eislerkf@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 5:57 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Require masks

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Please vote for the ordinance to require everyone to wear masks indoors in all establishments.

This is the only measure we have to keep citizens safer, reduce the number of deaths and hospital stays. Until the entire country is vaccinated, you must help ensure the safety and well being of all citizens.

Thank you

Young, Bernie C

From: Maria Cantonis <mariacantonis@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 11:30 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: URGE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE MASK ORDINANCE

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Dear Commissioner Gerard,

Please stand firm and follow the science at this pivotal time. I urge your continued support of the ordinance that requires the wearing of masks in all indoor establishments. Covid-19 is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The value of this simple act is well established as a primary way of protecting oneself and others in this pre-vaccine period, in addition to maintaining 6 feet of distance, handwashing and not gathering in large numbers.

If there is any hope to slow community spread, more cases and deaths and for our economy to continue to function and avoid a more drastic return to a shut down, the above personal protection practices need to be supported, especially the wearing of masks.

This is an important time to stay the course, especially with flu season approaching and the threat of another wave of Covid-19 looming.

Thank you for your service and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Maria P. Cantonis
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Belleair, FL 33756

Young, Bernie C

From: Dennis Bosso <dcbosso@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 7:53 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Use of Face Mask

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I understand the Commission is discussing use of Face Mask at your meeting tomorrow. We have come a long way at reducing the infection rate in the county but now is NOT the time to ease up and let politics drive your decisions. Public Health should be your guiding light. While I don't enjoy wearing mask I am willing to do so for the long haul to maintain my health and that of the citizens of Pinellas County! I DO NOT FEEL IT'S AN INFRINGEMENT OF MY RIGHTS. KEEP THE MANDATE IN PLACE.

Dennis Bosso

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

Young, Bernie C

From: Loni Shelef <drloni@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 6:40 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: We need masks

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We are still

In the midst of a pandemic. Mask wearing is an important and easy preventative. Leave the mask ordinance in place! Protect Pinellas! Thank you.

Loni Shelef

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

Young, Bernie C

From: Linda Hansen <hansenpurplelady@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 7:21 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Wearing masks

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It is of the utmost importance that people keep wearing their masks in all indoor establishments. This should not be involved with political rights. This people who think that mask wearing is an infringement of their rights are wrong.! This is about keeping us all safe and healthy. Our positive cases are dropping but it is not yet time to give in and throw in the towel. We must continue to persevere on this path for as long as it takes to defeat this terrible virus that has killed so many and effected us at in do many ways. NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO GIVE UP!

Young, Bernie C

From: Jean S. Snoke <wk7seven@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Wearing masks

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You need to keep the 'wearing masks indoors' policy in place. Kids are going back to school and some businesses are reopening. You need to keep this proven safeguard in place. Perhaps you can review the policy in another month or so.

Jean Snoke
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Clearwater, FL33764