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Agenda Item # or Topic: Roosevelt Bridge Gatherings Date of Meeting: Fri, 2020/06/12 Your

Comment or Message: With the many Protests/Demonstrations for the last few years, which clearly are "Large Gatherings" who is responsible for "Giving Space" on our State, County or City Roads. Specifically, The Roosevelt Bridge is often used by Groups that create Traffic Jams that Cost the County and City tax dollars and Inconvenience and endanger innocent travelers through Stuart. I think Local Government needs to protect Quality of Life of the Masses vs the minority that are these smaller groups. At the Very Least please give them space off main thoroughfares!

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Agenda Item # or Topic: COVID restrictions Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16 Your Comment or Message:

Please consider lifting all COVID related restrictions. There is no science that has proven social distancing and face masks are effective. The use of face masks has been reported to resulted in more hand to face contact. We should be moving towards re-instating our civil liberties. Please let people make their own choices.

I selected date of meeting as 6/16/20 because the schedule shows 7/14 as your next meeting. Please submit this for your next meeting.

Thank you for your consideration

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Public Wearing or Masks Date of Meeting: Mon, 2020/06/15 Your Comment or Message: Please pass an ordinance mandating face mask wearing. It is important to protect the public. There is solid data for this. Maya Babu, MD Cleveland Clinic Martin Health

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Coronavirus

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16

Your Comment or Message: Please take a strong stand on wearing of face protection and related public health measures to curb the spread of the virus. It is increasingly apparent that a number of restaurant owners do not care - serving staff are not wearing masks and in some cases this is a point of pride. Having followed a few meetings on TV, it was clear that last Friday was a turning point in terms of the concerns of the medical profession and Cleveland Clinic. The tone of the presentation was urgent that more work needs to be done. As an older person I am not going out to shop etc because I do not feel safe and the same with many of my neighbors, so if you want to bring the local economy back you need to step up and make businesses understand that this is not a political matter but a scientific one. The virus does not care who you are going to vote for it only cares to survive on its terms. By succumbing to our political divisions we are aiding the virus and causing unnecessary suffering and death. Real stupid. As to enforcement - I agree having the sheriff called is not the best solution or even an effective one. Is there not any way that these public health steps can be made into a health ordinance that is enforceable by inspection and citation? Businesses are used to those types of regulation and this would seem to be an appropriate situation to use such an action. If the bad actors are not stopped all of rest of businesses will suffer along with the people when the only course of action we have left is a strict lockdown because we were too selfish to take the appropriate steps early on. Also, I don't want to hear that this is an Hispanic problem - this is all our problem and we should act responsibly and put our privilege to good use. Thank you

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Codie — 19

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16

Your Comment or Message:

At the special commission meeting of June 12, 2020 the CEO of Cleveland Clinic gave us the number of patients in the hospital battling Covid — 19.

On May 29, 2020 there were 21 patients battling Covid — 19, two weeks later June 12, 2020 the number battling Covid — 19 had more than doubled to 47.

These are the numbers to fallow because they can't be manipulated. The other alarming trend was the age of people getting infected. The MEDIUM age of those in the hospital now is 39. MEDIUM age in this case means that half of the patients are above 39 and half are under 39. Several patients were already in the hospital over 30 days.

Now at this meeting staff will bring a proposal forward that all restaurant employees and some other small business employees will be required to wear face covering of some sort at work.

Social distancing is another option we should be enforcing in places like downtown Jensen Beach where two restaurants and a trinket shop presently make that impossible. These are public sidewalks, give them to the public then social distancing would be possible but that's not going to happen because the Good Old Boys want the public sidewalk for their use and profit and what the Good Old Boys want in Martin County Good Old BOYS get. Can you say MOORING FIELD , !!!

It appears the Stuart News won't allow letters to the editor either if it shows Jensen Beach not following social distancing. Its more important to keep advertisers happy than public safety .

The Good Old Boys is also a reason more people don't run for public office. You don't just run against your opponent if he or she carries water for the Good Old Boys, you run against a very well organized and financially strong group of businesses that will do whatever it takes to keep their person in office.

While this may be an extreme comparison the result is the same.

Jeffrey Epstein got away with sexually assaulting girls and young woman for years and years because he belonged to the right clubs. Just like the Good Old Boys. There are at least two sets of rules in government one for the average guy and another for the Good Old Boys Club and The Pay Play Club, money talks loud and clear

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State: FL

Zip Code:

Email Address:

Agenda Item # or Topic: General public comment Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16 Your Comment or Message: This board seems surprised by the resurgence in cases. What did you think would happen when we opened everything up? Masks do nothing and won't make a difference. You need to figure out how people are getting covid before you can even try to come up with a solution like mandating masks. Maybe that hospital guy can tell us how it's being transmitted? Until that is answered there's no way to tell what will work.
And if that can't be answered, then try to build natural herd immunity to protect us in that way.
Thanks.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: None

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16

Your Comment or Message: Please don't vote for mandatory masks. You are supposed to represent the people and we are firmly against this. People should have the option to wear them or not. And there's really no research that they do anything.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: General comment

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16

Your Comment or Message: The USA stands for freedom and nowhere in the Constitution does it say that I must wear that oppressive nonsense. Just because the hospital is getting cases doesn't mean that you all need to vote for a terrible idea like mandatory masks.

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Last Name: Fischer

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City: Stuart

State:

Zip Code:

Email Address:

Agenda Item # or Topic: None

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16

Your Comment or Message: Please don't force us to wear masks at work. I'm a server running and sweating everywhere and I won't be able to breathe with a mask constantly on. I wear it when I can but all the time is just not possible. Thank you.

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State: FL

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Email Address:

Agenda Item # or Topic: General

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16

Your Comment or Message: When are the commissioners going to stop the protesting so that hundreds of people in close contact with one another don't keep spreading this virus around? You can close a playground with a couple of kids but not a huge rally?

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Email Address: Jennifernolan731@gmail.com Agenda Item # or Topic: Masks Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16 Your Comment or Message: Constant mask wearing has been proven to be both ineffective and unsafe. Wearing a mask causes people to wear them on their chin, and this causes cross contamination. The average person touches their face 23 more times per day while wearing one. Forcing people to wear Masks make us breath in our own toxins and CO2. Masks are great when worn by trained medical professionals, they're not so great when worn by the public. I see people hang them on rear view mirrors and use the same mask without washing it for days and weeks at a time. This offers NO PROTECTION.. IN FACT, it makes the germ problem worse.. Forcing constituents to wear a mask is a form of control to cover up the anxiety, nothing more. We are adults. Please work to preserve civil liberties, our bodily autonomy, and our freedom of choice. Masks can be recommended but never mandated! I will personally boycott any business that requires paying customers to wear a mask. I encourage others to do the same. We are not a communist state. Thank you for your time.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Grants
Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16

Your Comment or Message: The Early Learning Coalition appreciates your continued support of our enrichment program offered to children in Martin County. Due to COVID, we have modified how we deliver services to our families and strive to provide a safe learning environment. With public schools closed for the summer, the supplemental support we are offering students is more important than ever. Thank you for your continued support.

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Email Address: tzweben@unitedwaymartin.org Agenda Item # or Topic: 20-0704 Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16 Your Comment or Message:

I am writing in support of the United Way of Martin County's Tools for success program. Prior to COVID 19 approximately 52% of our local students lacked the resources to show up on the first day of school adequately prepared with the necessary supplies for academic success. Prior to COVID 19 50% of Martin County teachers expressed that they spent over \$500 of their own money on basic supplies for their students.

With the financial hardships that face the entire world due to the pandemic, I can only imagine that in our own community those numbers will be significantly higher this August when our students return to their studies.

They have already faced so many instructional challenges to no fault of our incredible school system that did everything within it's power to rise to the occasion. Having the basic supplies necessary for instruction should not be one of those challenges.

The United Way of Martin County has taken on the task of engaging partners within the community to support our students and provide them with the necessary supplies for school. I am asking that the commission join the table and be one of those partners to help fund the effort of ensuring our students are adequately prepared with the necessary supplies for academic success. Please consider the grant submitted by the United Way for the Tools for Success program.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Please require Masks in Restaurants, Businesses and Public Places Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16 Your Comment or Message:
Dear MCBOCC,
I am writing to plead with you to do the right thing for our county whether people like it or not. You will never make all the people in this county happy, but you have the power to help make more of them safe. Take a look at the states and areas that are more successful - just by being more cautious about the phases of reopening and especially by requiring masks. Take a look at their numbers - it is working! We don't even grocery shop because of the careless and callous attitude here. It's a shame. People gathering, not wearing masks, burying their heads in the sand and acting like there is nothing going on while our numbers are dangerously increasing. You are our local leaders and we are at your mercy. You are the only ones who can help enforce this and at least require masks for retail employees, and restaurant workers and other businesses, to try to slow things down. We are at a very dangerous and scary place with hospitalizations increasing and ICU beds decreasing - exactly where we DID not want to be. Please tighten COVID-19 restrictions and do the right thing at TODAY'S meeting and do not table this or postpone the decision for any reason. The time is now to make this a necessary requirement. Thank you!

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Agenda Item # or Topic: COVID SPREAD FACTS Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16 Your Comment or Message:

"From the data we have, it still seems to be rare that an asymptomatic person actually transmits onward to a secondary individual," Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove, head of WHO's emerging diseases and zoonosis unit, said at a news briefing from the United Nations agency's Geneva headquarters. "It's very rare."

6-8-20 CNBC Article Health & Science

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Cleveland Clinics Representative/Advisor to the BOCC Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16 Your Comment or Message: I think Cleveland Clinics Representative Mr Robert Lord has lost his way and ask that they BOCC reign him in please. He is there to share his organizations statistics with the Public not share his opinions on Social Justice issues. His repeated suspicions and biased opinions undermine his credibility! To imply and force upon the Public his unfounded opinions is a disservice to this Public. Just the Facts Sir!

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Email Address: chrisoulatroukis@yahoo.com **Agenda Item # or Topic:** 20-0798 **Date of Meeting:** Tue, 2020/06/16 **Your Comment or Message:**

Good morning Commissioners,

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I am reaching out to you in hopes that you can help myself & hundreds of other residents out here in Palm City Farms.

I am a resident of Palm City Farms for the past 19 years, a native born & raised resident of Martin County.

As I am sure you are already well aware, the drainage out here is an ongoing problem, especially after an unprecedented & significant amount of rainfall we have recently received.

I have recently been made aware of the "Palm City Farms Stormwater Modeling" study being completed by Singhofen & Associates, Inc. (SAI) for \$736,176.00.

As you can imagine I was shocked to hear of such a large expenditure with absolutely no notice to any of the property owners out here in Palm City Farms that have been requesting the county to investigate the drainage issues out here for years. I do have a copy of the 36 page agreement between the county & Singhofen & Associates, Inc. (SAI) & I can see that our neighborhood is included in the study as we drain through the Danforth Creek Basin.

There is a large number of residents that are being negatively impacted by the poor drainage, continued intentional filling/blocking of county main or secondary ditches by property owners & even incorrectly sized culvert pipes.

As a resident of Martin County, I was disappointed to not have seen one county employee out & about in our Palm City Farms area checking & clearing clogged drains as a result of the recent ditch chipping that occurred, instead ourselves along with neighbors were out there with hand tools doing our best to clear the clogged drains & keep the flow of water moving along.

The constant ditch chipping is not helping the lack of depth of these ditches that have not been dug out since the neighborhoods were first established, only removing privacy between neighbors, clogging the culverts & leaving behind huge damage to the shoulders of the roads when the big excavator enters & exits the ditches. In years past the county would always come back & repair this

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damage, now it is left to the property owners that abut these drainage canals to repair at their expense.

I tried reaching out to Mr. Gorton with nothing short of a dismissal reply scooting me over to the "public records liaison" for a records request??? I asked for a further explanation of the study.

When will property owners be notified of the study?

When are results expected?

What is the County hoping to get out of this study?

How will property owners benefit from this expensive study?

Will any work be done as a result?

I would like to know when the "public outreach portion" of the study will commence that has yet to be completed due to COVID19 delays???

Will this study sit in a pile of other studies somewhere in the county offices??

Thank you for your time in reading this e-mail.

I look forward to hearing more about how this very expensive "Palm City Farms Stormwater Modeling" study will benefit all property owners out here in Palm City Farms.

Thank you,
Chrisoula C. Troukis
Palm City, FL

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Agenda Item # or Topic: 20-0798
Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16
Your Comment or Message:
Mr. Campi,

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In the recent past I spoke with you to try to get you to make sure our Martin County Storm Water Division increase their much needed maintenance of our storm water tributaries in Palm City Farms. I've had several sit down meetings together with Don Donaldson and Jim Gorton. Only to be advised by them excuses why they can't maintain the tributaries as they should.

"They run through private properties and we don't maintain private ditches" I advised them these ditches, except those dug by the homeowners into the tributaries, are mostly all on private property, which was known by the property owners when they purchased their properties, and what the tributaries purpose was. They were dug way back when by whoever, for the purpose of shedding the storm water run-off, and in the past have been maintained by the county. They have drastically eliminated that maintenance by excusing it off to this "private property" claim. I advised them and your legal department that the county owns the "prescriptive rights" to these tributaries because they have performed maintenance on them within the past 20 years and legal has concurred.

We have a neighbor that put a canoe in the Danforth at the end of Moore Street and took it East towards Citrus Boulavard. Only to find blockages with Pepper Trees and a very substantial blockage, of cbs concrete blocks, concrete bags and an intentional narrowing of the Danforth from the average of 25' wide and 6' deep in the rainy season, down to approximately 7' wide and 1' deep right now. He couldn't travel down the ditch any further. This particular landowner is impeding the flow of storm water and needs our code enforcement to pay a visit and have that taken care of immediately. Why would we, as tax paying property owners, have to take matters in our own hands, when things of this nature is the job of our Storm Water Drainage department?

I found out today that our commissioners agreed to pay for a private entity to do a study on our drainage system to the tune of 740k. In my last meeting with Jim Gorton, I was told they were

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spending 60k for a proposed storm water study. I advised him that I wanted myself and everybody else in attendance (long time property owners with vast historical knowledge), be made a part of the preposed study to provide our input before any implementation takes place.

How and why go through this tax payers expense, when stuff like this, and I can assure you, there's many more, can be found using a simple canoe?

This is not rocket science, just incompetence.

Lastly, for now, the retention pond off Leighton Farms Road is placed in the middle of the Danforth, and every bit of our water exits through a tiny 4' fixed weir. Severely backing up all the water flow in Palm City Farms. A total design disaster.

We would appreciate your assistance with all of this. Please.

Thank you, Phillip Quick

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Agenda Item # or Topic: 20-0798

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16

Your Comment or Message: I filed a formal Request for Service on June 5, 2020 (Request No. 439466) and to date I have not received a response to my request. I live on Leighton Farm Avenue in Palm City Farms and although I have installed drainage on my own property, I have drainage ditches on 3 sides of my property that do not drain properly. As you are probably aware, the drainage ditches that run parallel to Leighton Farm Avenue flooded during the heavy rains we received. The reason for the flooding was not only due to the amount of rainfall we received but also due to the fact that the County does not clean out the massive amount of debris that accumulates in the ditches from foilage, litter and other refuse that is thrown into the ditches. Previously, I have had to physically clear out blockages in front of the culvert pipes in order for the water to drain properly. The flooding has caused the earth around the culvert pipe to collapse on either side of the driveway onto my property and is a hazard. Something significant has to be done to rectify this problem. If the County can't design a system that properly drains the water, the least they can do is have regular cleaning out of the drainage ditches. Finally, please have someone contact me regarding my Request for Service before the driveway onto my property fully collapses.

Thank you. Rocco Cavo

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Read in Public

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Agenda Item # or Topic: DEPT-5

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16

Your Comment or Message: Commissioners make developers respect the wetlands

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Agenda Item # or Topic: County Wide Flooding Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16 Your Comment or Message: Martin County needs to address the current issue of FLOODING I live in Palm City Farms and out here the county has a history of neglecting their responsibilities as well as not enforcing their own codes and statutes. I believe the county should also place a moratorium on building until they can get a handle on the current problems and enforcement.

I have complained for years and have proof that the county is ill equipped in dealing with the current issues Until the county is able to maintain drainage and enforce code they need a moratorium on building so they can serve residents

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Agenda Item # or Topic: 20-0798
Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16
Your Comment or Message:
Martin County Commissioners,

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The comment made by one of the county commissioners and quoted by the local newspaper regarding the flooding at Hobe Heights has prompted this response.

I write this in hopes that you will consider this during your discussion of the situation in Hobe Heights at today's meeting.

The comment made was to the effect that landlords in the Hobe Heights neighborhood are renting flood prone properties to tenants without proper warning. Our company has been in business since Dec 2013. In fact, the 2 duplexes (4 rental units) which flooded were our first acquisition. When we acquired these units, we had no idea we were acquiring property prone to flooding. In fact, Martin County provides only the FEMA flood information which shows these properties as Flood Zone X, a safe zone not requiring flood insurance. How is this possible? The county public works director also reported to the press in response to the recent flooding, that he saw this kind of flooding in 1994. Where is the responsibility of the county in making this information available to possible home buyers and/or investors?

My partner and I are NOT slum lords, as we have been labeled since the commissioner's comments to the press. We spent over \$100,000 renovating these units to make them nice places to live. A new roof on one building, new windows in both buildings, new ceiling textures, all new kitchens (including cabinets and counter tops), new air conditioning, new wood trim, paint, soffets, new bathroom vanities and tile floors throughout. Before the flood these were very nice places offered at a fair rental rate. The flood has trashed the retirement, not to mention the time investment of my partner and I.

I feel for the single family property owners who were affected by this flood.

I also feel for the tenants who had to vacate our property due to the flood.

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We did not create the flood, nor we did not ask for the flood. If we had known the properties were flood prone, we would have had flood insurance and insisted that our tenants had the same. Martin County, on the other hand, knew this flood was just a matter of time. With no notification to property owners and residents of the probable flooding, keeping their knowledge of prior flooding to themselves is inexcusable.

It is time for Martin County to do something about this. Property in the flood area should be purchased to increase flood water retention. There is no reason to let these property owners spend money to fix the damages, only to have it happen again. Buy the property NOW before additional funds are wasted. This will provide additional storage capacity to prevent flooding of other property in the future. As property owners, one of our options is to raise our buildings. This action will reduce retention area and our neighbors will flood next time. This is unreasonable.

Martin County has shown it can find funds to pay lawyers fees for Commissioner malfeasance and to fight train right of ways. It is time to quit saying you can find money for local emergency situations only if the state or federal governments provide it.

Bryan Sarandrea
Manager, Live Oak Property Management, LLC

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Email Address: jon@chaosfishingcharters.com Agenda Item # or Topic: Flooding Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16 Your Comment or Message: We need to address the flooding of the road on orange blossom trail in poinciana gardens hobe sound, FL. I have called the county, emailed, sent pictures. Have not received any input on why my road is now underwater every time it rains. We need answers. I have lived here for 5 years. The lot next to me has been filled in. I think this is the main cause.

The back drainage ditch behind my property is pretty filled in also. But most of the water from the road used to flow off the road through my yard into the property beside my house & 6114 s.e. orange blossom trail. We need to figure out where to send this run off of the neighbors property which used to hold excess runoff is now completely filled it. I would love to show any county official. Have them bring a level or a theodolite and they will see the big difference in elevation on the lot next to me that held a large amount of water after these rain storms. Pull up the Martin county property appraiser site an you can see topographic maps showing that the property is very low lying wetland. It's now filled in so that water needs somewhere else to go.

And my house flooding & the road flooding is not a solution I'm willing to live with.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Wearing Face Coverings Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16 Your Comment or Message:

Dear Commissioners,

The City of Stuart Mayor, Mike Meier, City Manager, Mr. Dyess, and the City of Stuart Commissioners demonstrated leadership early in the pandemic outbreak, including wearing masks during all public commission meetings.

Their thoughtful consideration for the health and safety of their colleagues and the public served as a model for all residents, and emphasized that the City of Stuart is taking the pandemic very seriously.

Martin County Commissioners, on the other hand, have not once worn masks or face coverings during any of their public meetings, despite the recommendations of the CDC. The County Commissioners's lack of action has communicated the opposite message to residents -- that the lives of our friends, family and neighbors are not worth the inconvenience of their wearing a mask.

Nonetheless, the CDC and other infectious disease scientists highly recommend that ALL AMERICANS should be wearing face coverings to reduce the spread of the highly contagious COVID-19.

According to peer-reviewed scientific research published in the prestigious journal "Nature": "Surgical face masks significantly reduced detection of influenza virus RNA in respiratory droplets and coronavirus RNA in aerosols, with a trend toward reduced detection of coronavirus RNA in respiratory droplets. Our results indicate that surgical face masks could prevent transmission of human coronaviruses and influenza viruses from symptomatic individuals."

Requiring that all food service workers and employees who interact with the public to wear masks is an important first step, but much more is needed.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Lea Shanley, PhD
Vista Pines, Stuart

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Agenda Item # or Topic: COVID
Date of Meeting: Fri, 2020/06/19
Your Comment or Message:
Dear Commissioners,

It has been disheartening to hear Commissioner Ciampi in meeting after meeting favor the "mental health" of his children over the lives/health/and mental health of Martin County's aging population.

Despite the growing pandemic and warnings from the medical community, Commissioner Ciampi has advocated strongly to open up the county so that younger people may relieve their boredom by going to bars, restaurants, and water parks. Perhaps Commissioner Ciampi, who's company supplies the restaurant industry, has a conflict of interest?

In last week's meeting, Mr. Ciampi noted that he had "rationalized" the reopening because he thought that the COVID virus only affected older people.

It's unconscionable that Ciampi would be willing to sacrifice our aging population to assuage the "mental health" of bored teenagers.

Meanwhile, Martin County's aging population has had to self-quarantine for five months and counting, unable to see their grandchildren.

Our parents' generation endured the Great Depression and World War II.
They served in the Korean, Vietnam, and Iraq wars.
They made many sacrifices over the years for us all.
Our parent's generation has paid their dues.

And yet, now, our veterans and our older residents can't enjoy their remaining years, surrounded by their loved ones. They instead must continue to self-quarantine because Commissioner Ciampi pushed to open up the county too early -- undoing the progress we made during the shutdown, and protracting the length of the pandemic in Martin County.

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Since the reopening of Martin County, the number of new COVID cases has doubled every week – with 48 to 78 new COVID cases a day! Given the 3-4 weeks lag in hospitalizations between contracting the virus and hospitalization, our medical system may soon become overwhelmed.

Hopefully, Commissioners Ciampi, Smith, and Heatherington now see that they should not leap frog over the phases in their haste to open up the County. We are experiencing extraordinary circumstances, and the pandemic requires strategic and decisive action to limit the spread of this virus, and to prevent further unnecessary deaths.

Hopefully, going forward, the Commissioners will heed the advice of the Cleveland Clinic, the CDC, and infectious disease scientists (rather than the pronouncements of politicians) so that Martin County doesn't experience the suffering that NYC has experienced.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Lea Shanley, Ph.D.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Requiring face masks Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16 Your Comment or Message: This will be a deciding factor in my vote and in many of the votes of my fellow Martin County residents that I have spoken with. We will be voting against anyone who votes to infringe on our rights by forcing us to wear masks when it can impact our health negatively as stated by MANY medical professionals.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Face masks being required **Date of Meeting:** Tue, 2020/06/16 **Your**

Comment or Message: Isn't mandating someone to wear a mask a breach of our constitutional rights? And what about the medical information that refutes the claim that wearing masks will be better for us all?

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Agenda Item # or Topic: 20-0798

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16

Your Comment or Message: Long-term drainage solutions and incentivizing flood insurance for these areas is what we want our government to take action on.

And share community resources for flood recovery instead of government resources which we can't afford to wait on.

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Mask Mandate

Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16

Your Comment or Message:

Hello commissioners,

I grew up in this county and went to school in this county. Because of this, I developed critical reasoning skills that are helpful with topics such as the recent surge in COVID-19 cases.

It has been proven time and again that this virus spreads on droplets, which are considerably larger than the virus. This leads to spreading of COVID-19, among other things. To prevent this, anything that blocks the spread of these droplets even slightly - in other words, any facial covering that prevents droplets from leaving the nose and mouth - will slow, if not outright prevent, the transmission of this virus.

Similarly, it is important to recall that the impact of masks continues to be made clear: places with widespread mask use are seeing a lower infection rate than those that do not require it. New York and New Jersey, while once hotspots, have dramatically reduced spread and eliminated the curve, even with the massive policy mistakes made early on. This is crucial, because it means that the virus spread can be contained via this simple procedure.

Lastly, I would like to direct you to the simple task of weighing your options. If you mandate masks and they work, then you have saved the lives of your family, your peers, and your voting base. If you do not, countless lives will be lost. Even if masks did not work (which they have been proven to do) and you mandate them, you have merely inconvenienced people slightly but not damaged their health. Those that wish to not use masks can go to work in another county if they are so inclined.

We have a higher spread in Martin County than in Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami Dade county right now - nearly one out of every 100 people in Martin County has COVID-19, and any associated long term health impacts that come with it. It is important to also note that these are infections from nearly a week ago now, as it takes an average of five days for symptoms to show and a day or two to

have a COVID-test performed and returned. The exponential growth associated with this likely means we are going to see an increase of over 50 cases a day for the next 7 days in Martin County easily. Hospitalizations, as well as deaths, will rise starkly in about two weeks.

There is no treatment yet; there is no cure yet. Masks and social distancing are the only chance to get this under control, and to save many citizens of Martin County. Please do the right thing.

Donna Gordon

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Agenda Item # or Topic: CDC Guidelines/Face Coverings Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/06/16 Your Comment or Message: Theodore Roosevelt once said "In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing." This morning, when you revisited the issue of requiring public adherence to CDC guidelines, including the wearing of face coverings when social distancing cannot be assured, you did the WORST thing. In the midst of a developing public health crisis, as evidenced by an alarming increase in the total number of COVID-19 cases, the percentage of positive cases over the state target of 10%, and the number of hospitalizations that threatens our health care workers and medical resources, you failed to agree on any measure that would show your commitment to protecting public health.

Yes, the medical community has taken the position that REQUIRING compliance is the RIGHT thing; that opinion is shared by many non-medical people as well, as evidenced by the many disappointed and angry comments shared on YouTube and social media throughout morning. But you did appear to find common ground on SOMETHING that could have shown a commitment by the BOCC to advance the common good. Instead, because you couldn't all get what you wanted, you gave the people of Martin County NOTHING. Today's county report with data through June 15 added over 70 new cases for a total of 1296, and 8 hospitalizations, 15 more since the data presented last Friday. What more do you have to wait to see this coming Friday? This situation is urgent. Some have proposed there is a point of no return after which face masks make little difference. Please do not leave today without doing SOMETHING; a well-crafted "strong recommendation" today could more easily become a requirement if the situation worsens later this week. If that recommendation motivates some people to wear masks or supports business owners who are trying to do the right thing, a few more people may be protected. If you decide to consider any recognition of businesses and restaurants that are or are not adhering to CDC guidelines, please remember that POSITIVE reinforcement has been shown to be the most effective method to change behavior. Also, any exemptions should reflect the CDC recommendations, namely "children under age 2, or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance." Thank you.

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Date of Meeting: Fri, 2020/06/19
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Dear Commisioners,

I have been watching statistics in the Tri-county. Indiantown with a smaller population has a rapid growing Covid-19 . This small population works and shops in Martin County. Most of the Tri-county is leaning more and more toward masks which is a good thing but I dont know about Indiantown.

Possibly

more medical testing and awareness is needed in this area. The Tri-county needs to come to a curve. I wish the Tri-county could come together on the mask situation. Distancing is important as well. Thankyou for concern in this matter,

Cathy Smith Sandford