SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020
Special Meeting – 6:00 PM
Via Zoom Teleconference
Live Streamed on Channel 17, nevadacityca.gov, and
On YouTube at “Nevada City Public Meetings”

MISSION STATEMENT
The City of Nevada City is dedicated to preserving and enhancing its small town character and historical architecture while providing quality public services for our current and future residents, businesses and visitors.

Reinette Senum, Mayor
Duane Strawser, Council Member
David Parker, Council Member
Erin Minett, Vice Mayor
Valerie Moberg, Council Member

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus Governor Newsom has issued Executive Orders that temporarily suspend requirements of the Brown Act. Please be advised that the Council Chambers are closed to the public and that some, or all, of the City of Nevada City, City Council Members may attend this meeting telephonically.

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2. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email to the City Manager at NEVADACITY.OLSON@GMAIL.COM. Comments will be accepted at the email provided until 10 am the day of the special meeting. You may also comment during the meeting by subscribing to the City’s YouTube channel Nevada City Public Meetings and submitting your public comments live during the meeting. Please limit to 200 words or less. Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time constraints. Note: comments that were received before 3 p.m. on June 29, 2020, are attached to the staff report for the Council’s review and will not be read into the record.
3. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Deputy City Clerk at (530) 265-2496 x133. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. [28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II]. Language translation services are available for this meeting by calling (714) 754-5225 at least 48 hours in advance.

The City of Nevada City thanks you in advance for taking all precautions to prevent spreading the COVID 19 virus.

6:00 PM Call to Order - Roll Call

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: As long as this is a special meeting, under Government Code section 54954.3(a) members of the public are entitled to address the City Council only on items on the agenda for this special meeting before or during consideration of that item and NOT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA for this special meeting.

2. PRESENTATION: Ryan Gruver, Nevada County Health and Human Services Director – Governor’s Guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for Face Coverings

3. SUBJECT: A Resolution Affirming the California Department of Public Health’s
Updated Guidance Mandating the Wearing of Face Coverings in High-Risk Situations and Encouraging the Public to Follow the Updated Guidance

**RECOMMENDATION:** Pass Resolution 2020-XX, a Resolution of the City Council City of Nevada City Affirming the California Department of Public Health’s Updated Guidance Mandating the Wearing of Face Coverings in High-Risk Situations and Encouraging the Public to Follow the Updated Guidance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Certification of Posting of Agenda**
I, Gabrielle Christakes, Administrative Service Technician/Deputy City Clerk for the City of Nevada City, declare that the foregoing agenda for the June 30th, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Nevada City City Council was posted June 29th, 2020 at the entrance of City Hall. The agenda is also posted on the City’s website [www.nevadacityca.gov](http://www.nevadacityca.gov).

Signed June 29th, 2020, at Nevada City, California

Gabrielle Christakes, Administrative Services Technician/Deputy City Clerk

**NOTICE:** As presiding officer, the Mayor has the authority to preserve order at all City Council meetings, to remove or cause the removal of any person from any such meeting for disorderly conduct, or for making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, using profanity, or becoming boisterous, threatening or personally abusive while addressing said Council and to enforce the rules of the Council.
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CONTACT: Catrina Olson, City Manager

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:
The Governor of California declared a statewide state of emergency due to the COVID-19 virus on March 4, 2020 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19. The Nevada County Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health followed suit. The Director of Civil Defense and Disaster Council of Nevada City made the same declaration on March 5, 2020.

On March 12, 2020, the Governor of California issued Executive Order No. N-25-20 to, among other things, order all residents to “heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials, including but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control the spread of COVID-19.”

On June 18, 2020, the Governor announced updated guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to mandate that face coverings be worn statewide in high-risk situations, except in limited circumstances outlined in the CDPH’s Guidance. Because the Governor ordered the CDPH to update its guidance to require the wearing of face coverings, and because the Governor’s Order N-25-20 required all residents to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public officials, the CDPH’s Guidance has the full force of law. California Government Code Section 8567 authorizes the Governor to make orders and regulations necessary to carry out the California Emergency Services Act, and gives those orders and regulations the full force and effect of law.

Attached is the Resolution for your consideration.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS:
- Resolution 2020-XX, a Resolution of the City Council City of Nevada City Affirming the California Department of Public Health’s Updated Guidance Mandating the Wearing of Face Coverings in High-Risk Situations and Encouraging the Public to Follow the Updated Guidance
- Memorandum, Governor’s Guidance Regarding Masks
- Public Comment received through June 29, 2020 at 3 PM
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF NEVADA CITY AFFIRMING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH’S UPDATED GUIDANCE MANDATING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN HIGH-RISK SITUATIONS AND ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO FOLLOW THE UPDATED GUIDANCE

WHEREAS, international, national, state and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of the respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named “SARS-CoV-2,” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019,” abbreviated COVID-19, (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health declared a local emergency and local public health emergency to aid the regional healthcare and governmental community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California declared a Statewide state of emergency due to the COVID-19 virus on March 4, 2020 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the Director of the Civil Defense and Disaster Council of Nevada City under her authority in Nevada City Municipal Code Section 2.44.050 (A)(1) proclaimed a local emergency because of COVID-19, which was ratified by the City Council at the March 11, 2020, City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency “beginning March 1, 2020”, and announced that the federal government would make emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

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WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8567 authorizes the Governor to make orders and regulations necessary to carry out the California Emergency Services Act, and gives those orders and regulations the full force and effect of law; and

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the wearing of face coverings, and because the Governor’s Order N-25-20 required all residents to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public officials, the CDPH’s Guidance has the full force of law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of Nevada City does hereby resolve, determine and order as follows:

Section 1. The City Council affirms the CDPH’s updated guidance dated June 18, 2020, requiring the wearing of face coverings in high-risk situations, except in limited situations, which guidance is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The City Council encourages the public to comply with the CDPH’s updated guidance dated June 18, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Special City Council Meeting of the City Council of Nevada City held on the 30th day of June, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Reinette Senum, Mayor

ATTEST:

__________________________
Niel Locke, City Clerk
Exhibit “A”
MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL/ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED
ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT

To: Catrina Olson, City Manager

From: Crystal Hodgson, City Attorney
       By: Scott E. Porter, Deputy City Attorney

Date: June 25, 2020

Subject: Governor’s Guidance Regarding Masks

I. SUMMARY

On June 18, 2020, the Governor announced updated “guidance” from the California Department of Public Health (the “Guidance”).1 By its own terms, the Guidance “mandates that face coverings be worn state-wide in the circumstances” listed, except for specified situations. This memorandum analyzes the Guidance, confirms that Guidance regarding masks is enforceable throughout California, and analyzes some of the city’s enforcement options.

Among other things, the Guidance means that, unless an exception applies, any person attending any City Council or other indoor public meeting must be wearing a mask, including any member of the City Council.

II. ANALYSIS

A. Background / Authority to Issue the Order / Enforcement

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19.2 On March 12, Governor Newsom issued executive order N-25-20 to, among other things, order all residents to “heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials, including but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control the spread of COVID-19.”3 On June 18, 2020, the California Department of Public Health issued new health guidance. Because the Guidance has been issued, it has the force of law, per the Governor’s order of March 12, 2020.4

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4 This interpretation is consistent with statement made by the spokesperson for the California Health & Human Services Agency who stated, “This is a statewide requirement and flows from the same legal authority as all of the other state orders.” See Los Angeles Times article here: https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-06-18/california-mandatory-face-masks-statewide-order-coronavirus-gavin-newsom
Government Code section 8567(a), provides in part, “The Governor may make, amend, and rescind orders and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The orders and regulations shall have the force and effect of law.” Government Code section 8665 establishes that violations of the Governor’s orders constitute misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $1,000 and/or 6 months in jail.

**B. Enforcement**

Because the Governor’s orders have the force of law, peace officers may arrest for violations of Government Code section 8665 which they observe.

Like all laws, there is no rule about how highly a city must prioritize the enforcement of the Governor’s orders. Some cities may wish to strongly enforce the Governor’s order. Such cities might even wish to expand upon the Governor’s order and to issue their own orders pursuant to their own emergency powers, and to additionally cite for violations of the City’s Municipal Code.

Some cities might also opt to not enforce the Governor’s mask order at all. Such cities might focus their finite enforcement resources on other laws seen as more significant. Such cities might opt to focus their energies on education about the mask laws, rather than relying on the authorized enforcement mechanisms.

Still other cities may opt to strike a middle ground. Those cities might opt to focus their energies on other matters and/or enforcement, and to enforce the mask Guidance only in those rare instances when a member of the public is intentionally violating the Guidance despite the officer confirming that no exception applies, and despite multiple requests from the officer to rectify the situation and to comply with applicable law.

**C. The Governor’s Actions Quite Likely to be Legal**

Because the Governor’s actions were just taken, as of yet, there is no case authority which directly answers whether this particular action exceeds the Governor’s authority. However, it is quite likely that the Governor has the authority to require the public to wear masks in the situations described in the Guidance.

In 1905, in *Jacobson v. Massachusetts*⁶, the U.S. Supreme Court established that courts should generally defers to the actions of a Governor during an emergency.⁷ The Supreme Court reaffirmed this rule just one month ago in *South Bay United Pentecostal Church*⁸ when the court

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⁵ It is possible that future California emergency grant funding might be prioritized for those jurisdictions which can demonstrate that they are encouraging and/or enforcing compliance with applicable health guidance. That is, there may be a financial downside to a city affirmatively declaring that it will not enforce state law.


⁷ Accompanying this memorandum is a client alert which our office issued on May 1, 2020. It goes into greater depth regarding law enforcement options.

⁸ The Court’s decision is available here: [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/19pdf/19a1044_pok0.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/19pdf/19a1044_pok0.pdf)
explained that courts should rarely be “second guessing by an “unelected federal judiciary.”” The court continued:

“[t]he precise question of when restrictions on particular social activities should be lifted during the pandemic is a dynamic and fact-intensive matter subject to reasonable disagreement. Our Constitution principally entrusts “[t]he safety and the health of the people” to the politically accountable officials of the States “to guard and protect.”

In other words, courts should defer to a Governor’s decisions, and those of their administrations. The Court held this to be true, even though, in the case before it, there were significant first amendment issues at play. The plaintiff was a church – churches have special protections under the religious liberty clause of the First Amendment. And even when those protections were at issue, the court found that the Governor’s emergency decision should be upheld. Given that here, the Governor is ordering the wearing of masks, and the wearing of masks does not directly implicate the traditional First Amendment protections of religion, speech, or assembly, the likelihood that the order is lawful is quite high.9

**D. What the Mask Guidance Says**

The Guidance itself is largely self-explanatory. The following language is a quote from the Guidance. Underlined is language which is particularly important for the City to understand, as it relates to what a city should require of its employees. The underlined language will be discussed more fully in subsection E of this memorandum.

“Guidance

People in California must wear face coverings when they are in the high-risk situations listed below:

- Inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space10;
- Obtaining services from the healthcare sector in settings including, but not limited to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank11;
- Waiting for or riding on public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle;
- Engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off-site, when:
  - Interacting in-person with any member of the public;
  - Working in any space visited by members of the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time;

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9 We are aware of a number of additional court cases alleging actions taken by the Governor are unlawful. To date, we are unaware of any case which has overturned a decision of the Governor. See: https://calmatters.org/health/coronavirus/2020/05/california-shutdown-lawsuits-newsom-dhillon-coronavirus-shelter-in-place-executive-orders/#lawsuits

10 Unless exempted by state guidelines for specific public settings.

11 Unless directed otherwise by an employee or healthcare provider.
o Working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others;
o Working in or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities;
o In any room or enclosed area where other people (except for members of the person’s own household or residence) are present when unable to physically distance.

• Driving or operating any public transportation or paratransit vehicle, taxi, or private car service or ride-sharing vehicle when passengers are present. When no passengers are present, face coverings are strongly recommended.
• While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible.

The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face covering:

• Persons age two years or under. These very young children must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
• Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
• Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
• Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
• Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
• Persons who are seated at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, while they are eating or drinking, provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.
• Persons who are engaged in outdoor work or recreation such as swimming, walking, hiking, bicycling, or running, when alone or with household members, and when they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet from others.
• Persons who are incarcerated. Prisons and jails, as part of their mitigation plans, will have specific guidance on the wearing of face coverings or masks for both inmates and staff.

Note: Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition who are employed in a job involving regular contact with others should wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.”
E. Rules for City Employees

The language quoted above shows that often, people working indoors (e.g., at city hall) must wear masks while working. A general rule of thumb is that if an employee is not sitting at their own desk, and they are indoors, a mask will be required. The following language from above is discussed in more detail herein.

“Inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space”

This means that if no exception applies, any time a member of the public is in any “indoor public space” they must wear a mask. This would include, for example, the portions of any library open to the public, all portions of city hall that are open to the public, and any portion of a police station open to the public, to name a few. They also must wear a mask if they are waiting in line to enter these buildings – even if the line is outside.

This also means that unless an exception applies, any person attending any city council meeting or other meeting of any legislative body must wear a mask. This includes council members.

- “Engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off-site, when …
  - ... Interacting in-person with any member of the public”

Any time an employee is interacting with any member of the public (even if outdoors), they must be wearing a mask. For example, peace officers must wear masks while interacting with the public. The cashier accepting money from customers must wear a mask. The librarian checking out books must wear a mask.

This rule, and the rules that follow apply only to any person “engaged in work.” It is unclear as to the boundaries of that phrase. Clearly, it applies to employees while “on the clock”, but is unclear, for example, whether it applies to employees who are taking legally mandated breaks.

- “Engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off-site, when …
  - ... Working in any space visited by members of the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time;

Any time any employee is working in any “space” visited by the public, they need to wear a mask. For example, if they are walking in the City Hall lobby, or walking through the council chambers, they need to wear a mask – even if the public is not there.\textsuperscript{12}

- “Engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off-site, when …
  - Working in or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities;

\textsuperscript{12} The text of the rule may also apply to any outdoor “space” as well – if a city employee is working at a city park, they should be wearing a mask. But given that there is a rule specific to the outdoors (described below) that rule likely controls – specific rules control over general rules.
Any time employees are walking to the restroom, walking to their car, or walking down the hallway, they need to be wearing a mask.

- “Engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off-site, when ...
  - In any room or enclosed area where other people (except for members of the person’s own household or residence) are present when unable to physically distance.

Employees must wear a mask whenever they are in a room with another person (e.g., a coworker) when physical distancing is not possible. For example, people that work side-by-side indoors should wear masks. Also, if employees are meeting with coworkers for an in-person meeting, they must wear masks when physical distancing is not possible.

Exceptions. It is important to note that in each of the above situations, if an exception applies, a mask is not required for that particular person. If, for example, a member of the public has a medical issue where breathing is difficult with a mask, then a mask would not be required.

III. CONCLUSION

If you have questions about how these rules should be applied in any specific instance, feel free to contact your city attorney or Scott Porter at sep@jones-mayer.com or (310) 666-8893.
June 28, 2020

Dear Nevada City City Council members-

After hearing many local citizens express concerns about Reinette Senum, a few concerned citizens have begun to ask for input from Nevada City residents as to their position regarding her public statements about mask wearing. Many feel these statements have harmed and otherwise negatively affected our community.

With limited time and the obvious health and safety limitations and considerations with COVID-19 in our community, on Friday, June 26th, we sent out personal emails and posted on social media asking if Nevada City residents would be interested in signing a letter in support requesting Reinette’s resignation or the censuring of Reinette by City Council. In only 2 days and with only 4 people asking online, we received the attached letters of support from Nevada City legal residents. Many more have learned about this and committed support over the next weeks, as we only polled our own personal contacts. Please consider this only a small sampling of your constituents who are in support of having Reinette resign or be censured. None of these letters are from people who live outside the city, they are all legal residents of Nevada City, your constituents.

Because you represent us as our elected officials, we respectfully ask that you consider these letters, knowing there are many more who feel similarly.

Thank you-

Kim Musillani
116 Cottage St. Nevada City

Charlene McNamara
107 Prospect St. Nevada City

[Signature]

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[115+ as of 10:26 a.m. more forthcoming]
June 26, 2020

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Reinette has been instructing residents, businesses, and visitors that they do no need to follow the statewide mask mandate issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 18, 2020. Her directives are a harmful misrepresentation of Nevada City that endanger the physical and financial well-being of our community.

This is not new behavior from Council Member Senum. The City has a record of using valuable time and resources to deal with the repercussions of her words and actions publicly and on social media.

Should Ms. Senum refuse to resign from her appointment on the Nevada City City Council, we ask that the Council vote to censure her to minimize her false bias and opinions regarding the pandemic the City is currently battling.

We, the undersigned, are a united front against the words and actions of Council Member Senum, who has created divisiveness among residents and businesses and harms the well-being of our beloved City.

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**MARK PAUL WARNER, CAA**

Name

181 Chief Kelly Drive, Nevada City

Address

**Mark Paul Warner**

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Greg van der Veen

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Jeff Marshall
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328 Nile St, NC
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Kelly Fleming
Name

223 Bridge St Nevada City, CA 95959
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408 Redbud Way, Nevada City, CA, 95959

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Announcing her belief, stated as fact, that the order is illegal fuels the already divisive political polarization around an issue that should be a strictly public health concern. According to the current scientific consensus, wearing face masks in risky public situations help prevent transmission of the virus. Numerous peer reviewed publications agree that the use of masks reduces the spread of infection. I am surprised that this even debated but we have allowed it to become a political wedge issue and I am very disappointed in Reinette for taking the bait set out for her by those looking to use this public health crisis to legitimise a cynical, opportunistic, anti-science political agenda of division.

As a local activist and leader, Reinette has significant clout and cache in our community and her vocal, outspoken and often ideological supporters command outsized influence over local issues. She should be held to a high standard of honesty and wisdom, particularly when her positions have life and death consequences. She is free to say what she will but she is not free from the consequences of those words.

As leaders in our community, the Council is responsible for making decisions affecting our friends, families and neighbors. On occasion, the issue is serious. COVID-19 carries life and death consequences.

Are you going to sit idly by while Reinette and her followers, having lost track of reality, put our community at direct risk for silly political Internet conspiracy points?

I join with the many other citizens of Nevada City, and request that the Council ask for her resignation. Previous examples of her poor judgement when using her social media presence in a quasi official capacity leave no doubt that she will continue her bizarre public ranting endangering our at risk population. If you do not take action, expect a recall effort which will waste significant time and resources that could be put to much better use helping our community address COVID-19 and it’s effects on our most vulnerable citizens.

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Support resignation of Reinette Senum

Laurie Harrison <laurierharrison@gmail.com>
to SafeNevadaCity

I am out of town at the moment and cannot sign the paper petition which asks for Reinette Senum's resignation from the Nevada City City Council. I strongly support this and urge her to resign. If she will not do so, I urge the City Council to censur her.

Thank you,

Laurie Harrison
301 Gethsemane St,
Nevada City, CA 95959
From: Sandra Barrington <sandrabarrington@gmail.com>
Date: June 28, 2020 at 12:52:02 PM PDT
To: duanestrawser@gmail.com, erin4nevadacity@gmail.com, czechgirl163@gmail.com, davidsparkyparker569@gmail.com, reinettesenum@gmail.com, catrina.olson@nevadacityca.gov, Dawn.Zydonis@nevadacityca.gov
Subject: Submit for the record

Dear Nevada City Council and Staff,

I'm writing to voice my concern of the negative press our city has been receiving for the outlandish social media statements made by our mayor. I'm not looking to censor anyone. We all have the right to our free speech and opinion. When you are in a leadership position, things are different and a leader's comments can have negative affects on the people they serve.

This isn't the first time the mayor's inappropriate social media comments have affected our city negatively. We are in the middle of a public health crisis and our mayor chooses to be part of the problem and not the solution. We should be following the direction of public health experts, doctors, and scientist and work together to unify our communities. Public health is not political. We are all in this together. A balance between public health and safety and keeping our town open for business should be the focus and priority. All egos need to walk out the door! I can't tell you how embarrassing it is that friends and family from the other side of the country are asking me "what's up with your crazy mayor" because her comments have been pick up on AP news wires. What's worse are the people that will not visit our city and put their dollars here in the future because of it. We don't just vote on a ballot. We all vote with our dollars everyday and people will choose to not invest in Nevada City because our mayor can not be more thoughtful with her words publicly. Further more, and most gravely, she is fueling the fire of a sector of the population that is making the public health crisis worse and indirectly putting lives at risk.

I have not been able to find a social media/media policy for the city. If one exists, I would hope it applies to elected officials and would be reviewed and updated by the council. If one does not exist, I highly recommend that a policy be created and apply it to not just staff but the council as well. I would be happy to draft one for you. It is common place for these policies to exists in governments, corporations, and the nonprofit world as well. If I make public comment that negatively affect my organization or affiliates, I would most likely lose my job. Yes, I have the free speech to be able to make whatever statements I want but it comes at a price. It's time the mayor pays her price.

Thank you
Sandra Barrington
204 King Hiram Lane
Nevada City, Ca 95959
June 28, 2020

To whom it May Concern,

I want to start this letter by acknowledging that it may not be read, and so I will attempt to invest as little emotion as possible. This will be a challenge because, you see, this is a life or death matter for our family, and many others that we know through the local disabled community.

Our little girl, who is five and a half years old, is named Piper. She has Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy caused by a traumatic birth injury, she is immunocompromised. She is medically fragile. She is also the light of our lives and we would do anything to protect her. I think you’d really like her too, if you got to know her.

If Piper gets so much as a cold she requires hospitalization, often for many days. When she is there, which she has been more times than I can count, she needs help breathing, round the clock monitoring, IV fluids and often receives multiple tests in the form of X-ray, blood draws, testing for UTIs via catheter etc.

Keep in mind that this is the standard protocol for Piper with just the common cold.

Sars-COV-2/Corona Virus and COVID-19 would be catastrophic for our family. We have been in full isolation since March, 9 2020 and will continue to be for the foreseeable future. I go out once a week maximum for groceries at 7am with the elderly and immune compromised, and have even decided to pay others to help us with this task.

Face masks are one of the only other forms of defense we have to keep ourselves safe, beyond isolation. It seems like common sense to me, but last week I learned that an elected official who is meant to represent me, my family and my home is spreading misinformation, putting our town and families in danger and misrepresenting our community whilst doing so. I’ve been researching to see if she knows something I don’t and I’ve found that, like her stance on 5G, she is getting her information from unreliable sources and conspiracy theories, yet again. This is no longer ok. She is meant to represent our community, not her confirmation bias oriented Facebook groups.
Larry Chu, MD, a professor of anesthesia and director of the AIM Laboratory sums it up nicely here in an excerpt taken from the Stanford website.

"...it’s first important to understand the concept of source control. We’ve learned that as many as 40% of people infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 may have no symptoms. But when they talk, cough or sneeze, they can still spread the virus to others in the form of respiratory droplets expelled into the air. Those droplets evaporate into fine particles that may linger. The mask traps these larger droplets before they can evaporate. So, wearing a mask regularly can prevent spreading at the source even when we don’t know we are sick..."

The research also shows that wearing a face mask will not cause hypoxia, hypoxemia or hypercapnia.

This is not a political or ideological issue. This is about using science and information as tools to protect the vulnerable in our community. To protect everyone at this point, as we see that the virus does not discriminate.

If we want to be able to revive our economy safely, if at all, the first step is consensus on simple preventative measures. Hand washing and mask wearing go hand and hand and are indivisible, this is now basic foundational hygiene, and is just our starting point. This is not a philosophical debate and I refuse to be represented by someone who is making this a publicity stunt and spreading misinformation to those who don’t have the time to research and who want to trust our local governance. People who need a leader in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Crystal Helbig

514 Nursery Street

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ayeala@gmail.com
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Kim Sagebiel
Name

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Signature
Sent from my Verizon Samsung Galaxy smartphone

516 Nursery Street
Sara Steele

Sincerely yours,
The mayor represents us or supports us.

Please removehelie from her position.

As residents of Nevada City we have the right to follow CDC guidelines and all of us can support our neighbors. I find the mayor’s antilockdown mandate as well as her desire to break state laws. This is unacceptable in an elected official.

I am a resident of Nevada City, I work for Sutter Health. We have a child with cerebral palsy and exposure to COVID could be fatal to her. We have neighbors going through cancer treatment and a large number of elderly.

I need to live in a safe community that supports me in keeping my patients safe as possible.

To whom it may concern:

June 29, 2020
Support resignation of Reinette Senum

Charlie Dayton <charleswdayton@gmail.com>
to SafeNevadaCity

I am out of town at the moment and can't sign the paper petition which asks for Reinette Senum's resignation from the Nevada City City Council. I strongly support this and urge her to resign. If she will not do so, I urge the City Council to censure her.

Thank you.

Charles Dayton
301 Gethsemane St.
Nevada City, CA 95959

June 29, 2020
10:11 AM (36 minutes ago)
June 26, 2020

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Laurie Oberholtzer

_210 NEVADA ST., NE_

Name

Signature
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Walter Webb

Address

160 Redbud Way  Nevada City

Signature
An Open Letter from the Businesses, Non-Profits, and Community Members of Nevada County in Support of California’s Public Health Guidelines

You pull up to a 4 way stop in Nevada County, and no one moves. What is going on? Are we all going to crash? Or are we just waiting for someone to get the right of way? It happens when we aren’t following the rules.

Today, we are at 108 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and rising. We are facing an unprecedented public health crisis. It is our responsibility to do our part to protect one another. It is our responsibility to follow the state mandate to wear a mask when in public.

At this moment in history, we will be remembered for our ability to adapt while facing increasing financial instability, mental health challenges, and public health crises. We must ensure Nevada County remains virus-free. It is for the benefit of us all.

If you agree, let us know by calling your favorite stores and commend them or insist they enforce mask wearing. Let us support our local businesses and community. We are stronger when we work together.

Please join us, the undersigned businesses and community members, to stand together to protect our public health officials, our front line essential workers, our neighbors and yourself by following the state mandate to wear masks. Together we will rebuild Nevada County. #wearamask NevadaCountyStrong

Signed,

Julie and Richard Baker, Nevada City
Dr. Brian Evans, CEO, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital, Grass Valley
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Share this letter with your networks. Do your part to keep Nevada County safe and resilient.
An Open Letter from the Businesses, Non-Profits, and Civic Leadership of Nevada County in Support of California's Public Health Mandate

You pull up to a 4 way stop in Nevada County, and no one moves because we all wave to each other to go first? Sound familiar? If so, then you know the Nevada County way. We are the community that takes care of each other. Today, we need that community spirit more than ever.

Remember when we sheltered at home and everything was shut down? It was hard but we did it and Nevada County held at 41 cases for a month. Then, to prevent businesses from failing, and because our mental health from living in isolation was threatened, we started to re-open.

Today we are at 108 confirmed cases of COVID 19 and rising. We have people across the spectrum refusing to do what seems to be a much easier sacrifice than isolation; wearing a mask in public. Our businesses, elected officials and public health officers are facing threats. These are our community members doing their best to keep us safe. Our public health officials are science and medicine. They are not politicians, they are public servants dedicated to public safety. More than ever our lives depend on guidance from public health leaders and departments. When we silence or threaten those charged with safeguarding the public's health, we undermine our ability to stay as healthy as possible.

Who are we impacting by not following the guidelines? Maybe it's your 16 year old neighbor at their first grocery store job, being harassed while asking a customer to wear a mask. Maybe it's your aunt or nephew who has an autoimmune disease and is high risk. Maybe it's law enforcement, called over a mask dispute, instead of managing a far greater emergency like an accident or fire. Where will we be if we don't follow the guidelines, and cases continue to rise? Likely headed into another shutdown which would devastate our local economy even more.

At this moment in history, we will be remembered for our sacrifice and our ability to adapt while facing increasing financial instability, mental health and public health crises. We must ensure Nevada County residents must wear masks, practice social distancing, and wash our hands regularly. This is for the benefit of us all.

If you agree wearing a face covering in public and continuing the good work is better than isolation and shutdown, please let your voice be heard. Attend virtual public meetings, write or speak to your supervisor or local elected, and share your support for enforcement of the mandate. Write a letter to the editor. Share this letter with your networks. Do your part to keep Nevada County strong and resilient.

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Mark Agness - magness530@gmail.com

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Duane,

As I read the article about the upcoming meeting, it appears that you will be focused on the issue of the approach to masking specifically and that the comments by Ms Senum will be addressed specifically at another time.

To this end, I am sending general comments regarding universal masking. I will send comments regarding Ms Senum’s behavior separately for use at another time, hopefully.

Having spent time treating many Covid-19 patients in Italy recently, I will hold myself forward as an expert in this disease. I’ll try to attend the virtual meeting but wanted to submit this comment.

Mark Agness, MD

Approach to masking in Nevada City

Members of the council, my name is Mark Agness. I am a long-time resident of Nevada City and physician having worked at Sierra Nevada and most recently Rideout hospitals in primary care and emergency medicine. As some may know, I had the honor of being a physician at a respiratory care unit in the Lombardy region of Italy in March and April in a region devastated by Covid-19. Of the 600 beds in the local hospital, 500 were occupied by patients with the disease. The medical system was literally overwhelmed. I worked with ventilated patients in the ICU as well as those requiring general medical support. I was fortunate to be alive.

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I live within the city limits of Nevada city. My address is 420 Nursery St. My wife and I are both contacting you today to let you know that we are fully in support of the motion to encourage the city to endorse the use of masks and other precautions against COVID19, and to censure any government official who makes irresponsible public statements to discourage precautions against spreading the virus.

Arjuna Ardagh  
Chameli Ardagh

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Arjuna Ardagh  
arjunaardagh.com  
facebook.com/arjunaardagh
Beate Moore <moorebeate@gmail.com>

to Nevadacity.olson

As a 50 year resident and property owner i urge you to support the mandatory face mask and distancing requirement of Gov. Newsom. This. I also urge you to censure the mayor of Nevada City Reinette for wrong information and putting my life in jeopardy. We already are seeing new cases in our town and i am appalled at the way Reinnette is dealing with this. Thank you for your work.

Beate Moore

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Treasure the Moment

I agree with you. Will do. Thank you for letting us know.
about the ravings of our mayor here in Nevada City who has come out against the compulsory wearing of masks and articulates a paranoid view of Governor Newsome and public health authorities (calls them fascist). This is outrageous. It is a laughing stock. I'm embarrassed and you should be as well. She needs to be censured or removed. The stakes are too high. Couldn't we just follow the goddamn science here?

Michael Bader
13059 Lower Colfax Rd
Grass Valley, CA 95945
(415) 385-9845
Dear Nevada City Council and Staff,

I’m writing to voice my concern of the negative press our city has been receiving for the outlandish social media statements made by our mayor. I’m not looking to censor anyone. We all have the right to our free speech and opinion. When you are in a leadership position, things are different and a leader’s comments can have negative affects on the people they serve.

This isn’t the first time the mayors inappropriate social media comments have affected our city negatively. We are in the middle of a public health crisis and our mayor chooses to be part of the problem and not the solution. We should be following the direction of public health experts, doctors, and scientist and work together to unify our communities. Public health is not political. We are all in this together. A balance between public health and safety and keeping our town open for business should be the focus and priority. All egos need to walk out the door! I can’t tell you how embarrassing it is that friends and family from the other side of the country are asking me “what’s up with your crazy mayor” because her comments have been pick up on AP news wires. What’s worse are the people that will not visit our city and put their dollars here in the future because of it. We don’t just vote on a ballot. We all vote with our dollars everyday and people will choose to not invest in Nevada City because our mayor can not be more thoughtful with her words publicly. Further more, and most gravely, she is fueling the fire of a sector of the population that is making the public health crisis worse and indirectly putting lives at risk.

I have not been able to find a social media/media policy for the city. If one exists, I would hope it applies to elected officials and would be reviewed and updated by the council. If one does not exist, I highly recommend that a policy be created and apply it to not just staff but the council as well. I would be happy to draft one for you. It is common place for these policies to exists in governments, corporations, and the nonprofit world as well. If I make public comment that negatively affect my organization or affiliates, I would most likely lose my job. Yes, I have the free speech to be able to make whatever statements I want but it comes at a price. It’s time the mayor pays her price.

Thank you
Sandra Barrington
204 King Hiram Lane
Nevada City, Ca 95959

Sent from my iPhone
Greetings Mayor Senum and City Council,

My understanding is that you were requesting medical expert opinion through social media. No need to go on an international and nationwide hunt to support your agenda! Look no further than Nevada City.

Masks are absolutely safe and effective. They do not cause low oxygen levels or carbon dioxide poisoning. These are myths and pure conspiracy. I would know, because as an emergency physician, I and my colleagues wear one often for 10 or more hours at a time. And if such dire consequences were real, we would see patients present to the emergency department as a result. I have never seen any severe medical emergency as a result of mask use. In fact, Gavin Newsom’s mandate is really quite generous: it is difficult for most emergency physicians to see justifiable medical exemptions to mask use. They are that safe.

My family lives on Banner Mountain in Nevada City and have taken care of a significant portion of the sick Californians in our surrounding region who are discharged and hospitalized with COVID-19.

Your comments are an insult to healthcare workers in our county who have worked hard and put their lives and their families lives at risk. They endanger our population. Without enforcing universal facial covering policies you may cause the infection rates to rise unnecessarily and force businesses and schools to have to continue to close and reopen. This in turn may hamper our local economy and gravelly effect the education of our county’s future generation. All because of your personal beliefs which are not backed by public health and conflict with an overwhelming scientific majority.

Science is not partisan. COVID-19 is not partisan. Masks are not partisan. The evidence is now undeniable that the primary thing we can do to save Nevada County and our country from ourselves is wearing a face covering in public to prevent respiratory droplet spread. How hard is that? Like seat belts and smoking, they are effective prevention. Never have citizens of Nevada County been asked to do so little to do so much public good.

Please consider doing your job and enforcing the mandate. Your county’s healthcare workers will continue to do their part.

Signed,
Alison Barrow, M.D.
Emergency Physician
Idaho Maryland Rd, Nevada City, 95959
Sent from my iPad
Although I do not live in Nevada City, I have family that does. Also, I live in western Nevada County, with many reasons to shop in Nevada City. Olson.

I believe that the position and comments made by Reinette Senum are inappropriate for a person serving as a public servant. They are particularly egregious coming from the Mayor of a city.

I also believe that they do a disservice to all residents of Nevada County. They significantly impact my health, safety, and ability to shop or dine locally.

I respectfully request that the Nevada City Council censure Ms Senum. I also ask that the Council require that she step down from her position as Mayor.

Sincerely,

Caroline Burnside
10628 Melody Rd,
Big Oak Valley, County of Nevada, CA
Hello,
I am writing to you out of concern for the actions and words of Reinette Senum. I do not live in Nevada City (resident of Grass Valley) but spend a great deal of time there supporting merchants and I also host a dance showcase at the Nevada Theatre which brings in 80-100+ people 5-6 times a year.

I feel her words are inexcusable and are doing harm to the merchants of Nevada County...if people are afraid to come to our county because of what would be perceived as unsafe behavior (non mask wearing) then we ALL lose out.

I would like to see the City Council of Nevada City make a statement supporting wearing of masks. This is not the first time Reinette Senum has said damaging things and as Mayor she is “supposed” to be in a position of authority and care for her constituents. I would like to see her removed as Mayor of Nevada City as apparently she cannot control what she says.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.
Colleen Carson
(530) 615-4404
Gold Country World Dance Showcase at the Nevada Theatre

Thoughts? I agree with you. What do you think about this?
I am writing to express my outrage at Nevada City mayor Reinette Senum’s comments discouraging mask use. Widespread use of face masks and social distancing will greatly diminish the spread of this virus and allow our businesses to remain open. If people do not comply they are endangering the health of everyone who comes near them. She is also putting the burden of enforcing mask use on business owners themselves without support from their leadership. I believe Senum should be censured and/or removed as mayor. I live in Grass Valley but in normal times shop often in Nevada City; the virus knows no borders. I am embarrassed and angry that an elected official in my area would stoop to these tactics.

Kathryn Canan
Brad Carson <tulumblu@yahoo.com>  

to me

City council,

We operate a show at the Nevada Théâtre that draws over a hundred people to your downtown 6 times per year. Concern is high toward the health of the population expressed by your mayor. Many of us promoters and performers are hoping the leadership will be amended to one showing genuine concern for the population.

Thank you,

Brad Carson

Sent from my iPad
Corey Clapp <coreyclapp@yahoo.com>
to Nevadacity.olson@gmail.com

Hello,
I hope you are doing well. My child attends SAEL and I also spend most my free time/money in Nevada City. I'm not a resident, but I've lived at the bottom of Alta Hill in Grass Valley for about 10 years. I am a 42 year old male with a background in environmental ethics and Native American studies, social justice, environmental consulting (water quality/biology).. I've also been an online book seller from home on the side for the past 5 years or so. I literally have no stake in politics. I do not do party allegiances, but I feel I have to say something about the NC mayor. First, I want to say, because I'm hearing there is reinfections and possible long term side-effects we still know very little about. I don't think anyone knows anything and the way she's communicating right now, influencing many people I know with anti-mask and herd immunity ideas, with a friend post in social media recently about a local store being fascist for calling the police on a customer who was disgruntle about mask requirements, and refused to leave. In his post, this acquaintance of mine was equating the situation to Nazi Germany in the 30's and Reinnette came in calling the store Nazi's too and provided a whole bunch comparing these two unlike things (i.e. the pandemic/mask mandate and the Holocaust). It only invites very unhelpful emotions into an already divisive issue. I politely called out ethical and logical fallacies in their arguments, comparing these two unlike things (i.e. the pandemic/mask mandate and the Holocaust). It only invites very unhelpful emotions into an already divisive issue. I grew up in a huge Jewish community. I have a ton of Jewish friends and connections to this day and know how sacred this trauma story is to them. It's kind of appalling actually from a moral/ethical standpoint what she is doing, that I have now literally becoming a modern day eugenics theology, that Reinette is preaching. As someone who's high-risk it's a little frightening to feel like she is almost trying to speed this outbreak along. I'm worried about everyone here. I want as many of us to make it through this thing as possible.
I'm at peace with my own death these days through my spiritual path and trauma recovery. What I'm not willing to do is harm those around me, or sacrifice myself intentionally to the cause of herd immunity and risk my ability to care for my at-risk teen with no other place to go. I'm pretty healthy overall, but unfortunately I have bad asthma too. So, I'm being overly cautious about this right now to ensure I can maintain a safe container for my kid. As someone with PTSD, anxiety and asthma, masks are definitely a lot less than ideal and training on proper usage, frequent o2 breaks and/or face shields. I don't think this is really as big of a deal as she is saying. I also understand home-made masks are not perfect, but if done correctly, they can REDUCE "droplets", which are the things carrying virus particles (which I do understand are smaller and can get through inadequate masks). Wearing a mask for someone with my conditions is obviously a lot less than ideal, but I am still making the effort. I really do not see why she is doing this. It is not logical, ethical or scientific. I don't know what to do now, but I sincerely hope this reaches you well. Thank you for your time.
Respectfully,
William Corey Clapp
Grass Valley Resident
Hi all,

I live at 234 Bridge St, Nevada City. I am very concerned about COVID 19 and want to register my support for Governor Newsom's mandate that we wear masks when in public, practice physical distancing, etc.

Wearing masks has proven to be an effective measure to help deter the spread of the virus, and I believe our City leadership should set an example for the community by following the Governor's mandate.

Before the mandate, I witnessed servers in some reopened downtown Nevada City restaurants serving customers without wearing a mask. I refused to go into these establishments due to these irresponsible behaviors. I don't even want to get take out from them as their practices probably are representative of all their practices regarding COVID 19.

There were also employees of some grocery stores with the mask around their chin, uncovering their noses. After the mandate I notice more people complying with the mask protocol. It is so comforting to see.

Before the mandate many people were not wearing masks and now there are more that are.

With cases of the virus rising all over the US, the world and in our own County, we need to practice all measures we can to keep the virus from running rampant in our community or we will be looking at another shut down. For most people, it is not a risk to wear a mask, and we should do so for each other.

I do not agree at ALL with Reinette Senum's stance on this issue and given her position as mayor of Nevada City, I think it is totally irresponsible to make the statements she has recently in defiance of the Governor's mandate. While everyone is entitled to their own personal opinions, when in the position of governmental leadership, there needs to be a more cohesive approach and respect for the mandates from our Governor.

We need our civic leaders to collectively set an example for our community members rather than cause divisive action. The divisive behavior will only serve to hurt our community members personally and our local businesses. People will not shop and go to restaurants if they don't feel safe.

I trust that the City Council will listen to the constituents, consider the best next steps, will support the Governor's mandate and most importantly keep the citizens of our community safe.
Thank you for your consideration,

Diane McIntire
Dear Councilman,

I am an adjacent resident of Nevada City, and a former business owner downtown (Yuba River Wealth Mgt.). My husband and I shop and dine in Nevada City almost daily, and have for the 20 years we have lived here. Our commitment has always been to support our local businesses in the community we love. Over the years, many of those business owners and their employees have become friends.

That is why I am writing you today, in advance of your next Council meeting on June 30. It has been made clear that Ms. Senum’s term as mayor will be ending as of that date. Based on her recent exhibition of disregard for the safety of the community as a whole in the face of COVID-19 via her public statements regarding masks and other public health measures, not only should her term as mayor end, so should her tenure on the City Council.

I urge you to demand her resignation.

Here is an excerpt from a social media post from an individual with a large social media following, to whom Ms. Senum solicited for support, rather than admit she may have made a mistake:

Reinette Senum to Sacha Stone  
June 25 at 11:22 PM  
Dear Sasha,

My name is Reinette Senum, I'm the current mayor of a tiny California town, Nevada City. I seem to be one of very few elected officials questioning the official Covid narrative in this state. Last week I called out Governor Newsom illegal mask-wearing mandate on my Facebook page... it has captured the attention of the news, and of course, words and headlines are being twisted as they always do.

Because of this, I am being called out (again) for not going along with what I am told to do. SO, this TUESDAY, 6:30pm, June 30th, the city is holding a special city council meeting to censure and berate me because of my FB post, calling out the Governor's overreach. WE need TONS of emails written on my behalf, especially medical experts. Is there ANY WAY you could reach out to the amazing Dr Zach Bush, and anybody else with a formidable, medical reputation? I truly feel that if we don't push back NOW, we will never stop our slippery slope into fascism. If you know anybody who would be willing to write on my behalf, please ask them to "submit for the record" to:
Sacha Stone is with Riah Abu El Assal and 94 others.
Yesterday at 4:08 PM ·
Friends.....please see this appeal to me below from Reinette Senum the good Mayor of Nevada City.

**Lets make her little town famous as the line in the sand....between the living and the dead...the masked and the unmasked.** Lets help the good mayor redeem her town and the good people of the living soil from the false-light idolators, the deceivers and that salamander class of soulless technocrats & kleptocrats who would dare violate God’s law and try to regulate how humans breathe, walk, smile, hug, make~love and rejoice in life.

**I appeal to ALL my conscious friends to email the list below in Reinette's post..... Make your voices heard and may the thrum of our collective hearts drown out the symphony of chaos and dystopia these treasonous legislators wish upon us and our unborn.**

Arise Homo sapiens

As you can see, she is soliciting this individual to use HIS network to bombard YOU with “alternative views” about what we should advocate to survive this pandemic, and it is not to follow our Public Health Authorities.

If Ms. Senum wants to follow these whackadoodle pimps, that is her choice. It should not have to be the choice of Nevada City, the City Council, or the community at large. Please make her go. She is becoming a danger to our lives and livelihoods.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Stay safe and be well,

Margie Determan & Ed Rotberg
14651 Greenwood Circle
Nevada City
530-265-9230 (home)
530-210-7508 (cell)

Sent from my iPad
Dear Council members,

I am embarrassed and alarmed that the mayor of Nevada City has publicly denounced the Governor of CA and the wearing of masks. I feel that she cannot use her position as mayor to tout her own views. The council needs to be a unified unit. Yes it’s great to have differences but the council as a whole needs to put out a unified message. These are extremely difficult times for everyone and we need leadership. I feel the governor has an educated team and has put a lot of work, thought and worry about his decision. I feel that is good leadership and that the city and counties should follow his lead.

I appreciate your time in reading my thoughts.

Jeanne Doty
Reinette Senum is a Danger to our Community

Seán Duggan <sfduggan@gmail.com>
to Nevadacity.olson

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my outrage at the recent public actions of Nevada City Councilwoman Reinette Senum undermining the Governor's mandate that people in the area must wear masks until the Memorial Day weekend and now we have seen a steep increase in cases in both east and west county. Senum's public posts declaring that no one had to wear a mask to cut down on the transmission of COVID-19. We were doing very well in Nevada County in terms of COVID-19 cases until the Memorial Day weekend and now we have seen a steep increase in cases in both east and west county. Senum's public posts declaring that no one had to wear a mask to cut down on the transmission of COVID-19.

I have been contacted by friends from other parts of the state who were planning a visit to Nevada County, but have now changed their plans because they do not want to visit the area based on the public pronouncements of the "crazy mayor" (their words) contradicting the governor's mandate to wear masks in public.

And recently Senum has publicly reached out to Sacha Stone, a bizarre cult figure and fellow conspiracy theory enthusiast in Bali, identifying herself as mayor of Nevada City and Nevada County!?

While I am not a resident of Nevada City, my wife and I have lived in Grass Valley for over 20 years. We have raised our daughter here and have been active in the community. At the very least she should be censured for her actions. Better yet, that she be asked to resign from the Nevada City Council. She is a danger to the community.

Sincerely,
Seán Duggan
Grassy Valley, California

Reply  Forward
Hi Erin,

I have been a resident of Nevada County for 30+ years. I am writing to let you know I am 100% in support of the Governor's mandate regarding Covid-19. As an RN for the past 40 years, I understand what is at stake here. I am deeply concerned about Reinette's handling of this issue on social media and have been very focal with her in this regard. Enough.

I am also concerned to see that in two restaurants in Nevada City my partner and I visited this week, the employees were not wearing masks. None of them, cooks, servers, greeters. Very few customers were either. We will not be back until these restaurants are in compliance. We are willing to help employers provide employees with masks if cost is an issue.

I am concerned for the businesses that have said they have lost business due to out of town visitors having the perception that Nevada City is non compliant with wearing masks.

I am concerned for the businesses that are compliant and are being harassed by citizens who see other businesses who don't require masks. We need our leadership to support the Governor's mandate so that there is no longer confusion in the community around this issue and that guidelines are very clear to all and enforced in some way.

It is important for our community to unify around this issue! I see other communities that are doing this without all of this drama. Nevada County needs to do its part to
stem the tide of this pandemic.

Thank you for all of the hard work you do on behalf of our community. (BTW...can you give me the link for Tuesday's virtual town hall meeting?)

Lynn Ely
Fwd: Tuesday Meeting - Please read

Erin Ruark-Minett
to me

Erin Minett Vice Mayor City of Nevada City
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Subject: RE: Tuesday Meeting - Please read
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Austria Has 90% Drop in Coronavirus Cases After Requiring People to Wear Face Masks

The number of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases in Austria dropped from 90 to 10 cases per one million people, two weeks after the government required everyone to wear a face mask on April 6.

Mary Enright
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I support masks in public

Chris Frank <chrisfrank3@gmail.com>

to me

My wife and I both have comprised immune systems
We are depending on people to be considerate to survive
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Brief Description of the Issue: Disappointing to hear the mayor of Nevada City rejecting the face mask order. If she is speaking as a leader, she is sending the wrong message to the residents. If no one is concerned about my health and that of my family by not wearing a mask, then Nevada City is no longer the caring city it used to be.

Response Requested: None

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Reinette's disturbing troublemaking

Kathy Gibbens <gibbenskathy@gmail.com>
to NevadaCity.Olson

Dear Olson,

I'm thoroughly dismayed at Reinette's pattern of "unforced errors" and starting trouble on already confusing issues that affect us all, like mask wearing in public.

Last Tues I spent 3.5 hours at her house with Lexis LaRue, our local mask-making heroine, and two other women to try to patch up a kerfuffle that escalated when Reinette friended Lexis, only to immediately begin trolling her with anti-mask propaganda.

I thought we made progress Tuesday night with her,

Then, I see this post of hers on the Sacha Stone page. Does she really think that soliciting strangers from around the world to bomb our Nevada City Council members with emails is a good idea?? Please do not consider emails she has solicited from strangers, while she ignores her constituents.

I have been acquainted with Reinette for years and agree with her on many healthy, wholesome things, however not to the unfounded extremes that she promotes.

I just don't get her thinking! But, when her thinking and promotion goes to unfounded extremes and threatens harm to the community, I draw the line!

If I had known she'd behave and communicate as she has in recent weeks, I would not have voted for her a few months ago. I feel betrayed!

Please let us know what we can do about this misinformation machine, named Reinette Senum!

Thank you,
Kathy Gibbens
(530)575-0606
475 Spring St, 1-E
Nevada City, CA 95959

I agree with you. Well said! OMG!
Dear Nevada City Council Members,

I submitted a comment about wearing masks for the council meeting last week and saw during the meeting that the issue of wearing masks was postponed to 6/30. I wanted to add to my comments, though, based on my experience shopping in downtown NC yesterday (6/27).

In one of the shops on Broad Street, the shop owner and I had a chance to talk for quite a while and our conversation did turn to wearing protocols from our state & county government to keep her store as safe as possible for everyone who enters so that people are not afraid while she and her employee stay throughout the day and have to interact with ALL customers who come in. So they are constantly being in contact with.

It’s an agonizing decision when store owners have to decide between keeping their businesses open in order to generate revenue so that they don’t have to wear masks. If we want to support our local businesses and keep them open, we need to allow store owners and employees to know with those people have been in contact with.

In the same regard, while walking along Broad Street, N. Pine Street, and Commercial Street, I was aware of how difficult it is to maintain the recommended distance from other parties. Our wonderful historic town does not have the wide sidewalks found in large urban areas. Unless one walks out in the street, it is impossible to maintain the recommended distance from other parties.

I understand that those opposed to wearing masks state that it is their “right” to not wear one. However, people seem to forget that will business owners and employees safe and be responsible to our fellow community members and visitors by not exposing them to our germs. Therefore, it is imperative that our city council stands by the health and safety protocols of our state and county and support

All the best,
Becky Gillespie
10607 Banner Mine Way, Nevada City
Mobile: 619.723.6280
Email: findbecky@me.com
I think the city needs to pass a mask requirement. Every time I go to town I see the majority of people on broad street are not wearing masks.

Diane Gould
207 upper park Nc

Sent from my iPhone
Hello,

I am emailing as a Nevada count residence at 127 conaway Ave, Grass Valley, CA 95945.

I would like to request Reinette step down due to their inflammatory comments. I would like to make it clear as a resident I want to support the mask ordinance.

As someone who has 2 people in my life who have severe symptoms of covid and has been confirmed at the vets hall through the local

Logan Greenwald
Anti-mask nonsense is dangerous, deadly, and embarrassing

Selene Haley <selene.haley@gmail.com>

To the (mostly) respectable City Council,

I am a decades-long resident of Nevada City. I am appalled and heartbroken at the reckless statements of Ms. Senum telling citizens that face coverings are not required and that the Governor has no ability to require this.

For reasons I am sure you are aware, the Governor absolutely does have this authority under the current circumstances - a global pandemic situation - and he is making the right call. I will not go further into this because I assume the Council has access to reliable information that will confirm this.

I am writing today because Ms. Senum has clearly not had the best interests of the City in mind and she should, in my opinion, be immediately censured and removed from her position as Council Member.

Masks are a known and useful tool in the fight against COVID-19. They protect others from the wearer, and many people in our city have conditions that make them high-risk for complications causing - among other things - permanent damage or death.

Ms. Senum’s anti-mask rhetoric puts all her constituents at risk. Our city has gone to lengths to demonstrate that we are taking steps to keep everyone safe, both for locals and tourists. Ms. Senum’s pathetic comments continually weaken that position and business owners are noticing a direct effect on their bottom line. People are generally empathetic, understanding, and smart. They will not spend their hard-earned dollars, tourist or otherwise, in a place with a reputation that goes against those values. I know many people personally who have decided not to travel here or to shop locally due to the dangers posed by this anti-mask nonsense spewed by Ms. Senum.

We are not a community that sacrifices the weak. Ms. Senum should immediately step down, or in the absence of that action, should be censured and removed from her position. She can be free to spout conspiracy theories as a private citizen, but as Council Member she represents all of us and our city. She has repeatedly demonstrated that she does not care who she represents as much as she cares about maintaining a soapbox for herself.

Selene Haley
Anti-mask nonsense is dangerous, deadly, and embarrassing - nevadacity.olson@gmail.co...
It has been with consternation and increasing concern that I’ve observed the mayor of Nevada City broadcast, in the forum allowed her post these theories, she also posts on her page business to do with the City, and so seems to represent the views of the City and the Council as a whole. I’m not sure this is legal; it is certainly inappropriate.

She has received nationwide attention, and the number of people I’ve had write to ask me about her views as if they are my own, is start hoax-filled brush that she is wielding, what bothers me most is her rhetoric: it not only creates extraordinary divisiveness, it creates a vi

As cases of Covid surge, and as more and more experts say mask wearing, social distancing, and hand-washing are the best ways to slow a cases, and, as more and more experts say mask wearing, social distancing, and hand-washing are the best ways to slow acusations) is deeply troubling. That she has now engaged in creating a letter-writing campaign, asking for letters from people all over

I want to add this as well: The city itself seems laissez faire about supporting good sense efforts such as masks and distance (much less distancing matter or iareimportant. I was in town the other day, thinking to get something to go from Three Forks, and was appalled to observing any kind of distance. This was true throughout the City. Why is there no City criteria? Businesses are suffering from no clear l

Reinette Senum has done much for the City that I deeply appreciate, and I have counted her for years as a friend. However, until recent performed by “actors,” or I would have distanced myself, that she advocates for such theories shocks me to my core. Her thoughts aho ideas together is a belief that government is bad, that governments do not exist to support the health and wellbeing of the electorate an that are, in fact, bad for their constituents. Why, then, she has chosen to be part of governance, is a question that has too many possible is to promote conspiracy theories that create divisiveness. Of course as a private citizen she can believe and speak as she wishes—as long; larger community — is something else entirely—and I believe she is causing harm. Great harm. Mask-wearing is a very straightforward to do so enthusiastically, in sad and dangerous ways.

While my home address is not within the limits of Nevada City, I live close and think of it as “my town.” In addition to removing Ms Se behind educating the public about the wisdom of these simple actions.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sands Hall
10160 Cedro Road
Nevada City, CA 95959
sandshall.com
“While there is “no law”, per se, that requires wearing a mask, A spokesperson for the administration cited the **California Emergency Services Act** as giving the governor the power to make masks mandatory. Through that law, “the State Legislature has given the Governor broad authority to respond to state emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic,” Kate Folmar, a spokesperson for the state’s Health and Human Services Agency, said in an email.

**“Here’s what’s mandatory under the new rules:”**

People in California must wear face coverings when they are in the “high-risk situations,” including:

- Inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space
- Visiting a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank
- Waiting for or riding on public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle’’

There is now much controversy about wearing a mask and whether they stop the spread of the virus. If the community of Nevada City, and the city council, feel strongly that the governor’s directive has to be obeyed to the letter then I would suggest that Duane Strawser’s bike shop also comply. For months, now, I have observed customers frequenting the shop with no social distancing and no masks, even though bike repair was considered essential. The sign on the front door reads, *We Encourage face masks!* On Saturday only one customer was wearing a mask and everyone else was without one. No one was social distancing. So the bike shop is not in compliance or enforcing the directive.

SPD now has a sign in front of the store mandating masks, but it took a few days for them to enforce it as some were walking right by the posted sign. There are still many people in town, and in Grass Valley, that are not in compliance with the mask order, or social distancing, for reasons only they know. It is still a very haphazard compliance in Nevada County and we are very fortunate there has only been one death.

It would be great if all the businesses in town held to the directive and required masks so we are all on the same page, unless a person has some psychological or physical reason they cannot wear one. The main thing is to just try to calm the whole dialogue down and wear the mask briefly if you have to go into an indoor public space out of consideration for the fear that is now raging, which is a virus in itself. And, if you own a business in town make sure you put a sign out that says masks and social distancing are mandatory. Then enforce it!
Hi Catrina - **Could you please use this version?** My initial email on Monday contains private medical information I did not intend to be public. This is the revised version of my letter for PUBLIC COMMENT. Thank you!

Mayor Senum,

I'm a Nevada City resident, active community member, local business owner and a voter. Your recent comments suggesting that local residents should ignore the face mask order is enraging, frustrating, disappointing and worst of all DANGEROUS for our community. Your consistent comments downplaying the virus are ignorant, dangerous and just plain wrong -- according to actual medical professionals and public health officials, of which you are neither.

The risks of infection and death from covid19, especially for older and immunocompromised individuals, are real. Cases and hospitalizations are on the rise in California and in our community (if it was safe, this meeting would be held in person, no?). Wearing masks greatly reduces the risk of transmission, and is a very minor inconvenience. Your ignorant comments that people should not wear masks because there is "no law" encourages people not to wear them, and gives them cover for not doing so. The legality of masks should not be the focus. As a public servant and local leader, you should be working to protect your community by ENCOURAGING people to wear masks.

My family has an immunocompromised individual in our household. Contracting covid could be fatal. Our entire family is taking extreme precautions, and YOUR comments have now made us LESS SAFE every time we leave our home for essential items. And it creates divisiveness in our community. I already witnessed staff at a local retailer being berated by customers for enforcing mask policy.

The last point I'd like to make is that Nevada City, along with most other communities across this country, have agreed to ban smoking in public places - from restaurants, to parks, even the streets downtown are a "smoke free zone." We have done so to protect public health -- asking people to make compromises for the health of our larger community, for the greater good. That is what a community IS and what a good community DOES. This is no different -- asking citizens to temporarily wear masks in public to prevent the spread of a deadly virus. Your comments show you have no concept of community.

**Truly, you've embarrassed our community, and you have made us less safe and created divisiveness here in our lovely town.**

I hope you rethink your stance and issue an apology.

Amy Harper
Nevada City
On Wed, 24 Jun 2020 at 12:45, Catrina Olson <Catrina.Olson@nevadacityca.gov> wrote:

Your email has been received and will be added to the record for the 6/24/20 City Council Meeting.

Catrina Olson
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From: Valerie Moberg <czechgirl63@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Catrina Olson <Catrina.Olson@nevadacityca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Dangerous Comments re Mask Order

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From: Amy Harper <amybanks1115@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 22, 2020, 11:59 AM
June 23, 2020

Mayor Reinette Senum
City of Nevada City
City Hall
317 Broad Street
Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Mayor Senum:

There’s a line in the film “Forrest Gump” — “stupid is as stupid does”. Your mask Facebook post qualifies you for lifetime membership in the Stupid Club.

Few if any care about your personal health, but all care about their own personal health. Your careless, imbecilic words encourage pinheads like yourself to forgo masks as some sort of twisted statement on personal liberty. And in so doing, you and they threaten the health of everyone around you and them.

Ask any of the 120,000 dead in the United States how their personal liberty is working out. Ask their families. By the way, that 120,000 figure (and rising) is basically over a six month period. It is well over twice the number of Americans killed in the Vietnam War, and that was over a period of sixteen years.

You aren’t fit for office. Resign.

Steve Haynes
Glendale, CA
In the past few days, I was first surprised, then embarrassed and ashamed to have Nevada City cited on NPR as an example of civic defiance of Governor Newsom's mask ordinance. I'm writing now to encourage the city council to disassociate itself from Mayor Senum's irrational, inflammatory, factually incorrect, and, above all else, dangerous comments. Whether she is censured or removed from office is not as important as being certain that a clear message is given to our community about the obligation and benefits of wearing masks. Help keep our town and its visitors safe, stand up for good science, respect our governor, and show your concern for the common good.

Thanks for your attention.

Howard Hersh
13079 Daisy Blue Mine Road
Nevada City, CA 95959
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Please convey this message to the City Council as soon as possible:

I strongly support the enforcement of the mask wearing requirement under the Governor's and County Public Health Officer's mandates. I believe that they have the authority to mandate mask wearing under state law. I believe that the wearing of masks can and will prevent the spread of the Covid19 virus.

I urge the City Council and government to do everything they can to educate the public concerning the mask mandate and to enforce the mandate. To do less courts the further spread of the virus and needless deaths in our community.

Michael Hill-Weld

PO Box 1203, Nevada City, CA 95959
Dear Mr. Strawser,

As a 35 year resident of Nevada County, and a Nevada City property owner, I would like to clearly express my view that it is not beneficial to Nevada City to be connected with out-of-the-mainstream views, such as those espoused by our current mayor, Reinette Senum.

Ms. Senum is completely at liberty to believe anything she chooses, and to personally share those beliefs in any forum she chooses. But when she uses her position as mayor of Nevada City to add authority to her voice when she shares her personal beliefs, she has stepped over a line, and one that was, I thought, clearly defined just a few months ago. Even though her mayoral term is almost over, I feel it would be good for our civic image to remove her from that office immediately.

Ms. Senum has now gone to a Facebook page for Sacha Stone, a gentleman with truly strange beliefs, to drum up support for her position. We just don't need those associations out there as we try to rebuild our tourist economy. That benefits each and every one of us, whether we are small business owners or not.

Please take action, as a council member, to offset this wave of bad news for Nevada City. And please publicize your move widely. We need visitors to know that coming to Nevada City is a safe and sane move.

Thank you so much for your time and attention.

Stephanie Hutter
71 Mine Rock Road,
Nevada City, CA 95959
Hello,
My name is Jalana Smith and I am greatly concerned about how our community can work together during this time. I believe the majority of residence recognize and agree with the need for masks. But I have been hearing many stories about the vocal minority who are refusing to follow the mandate. Other than the health risks of this, I am concerned that employees and owners of our local businesses who are following state guidelines are being threatened and harassed. I think it is very important that our county officials are able to come together to support our businesses during this time by making it clear that these kind of threats will not be tolerated.

Jalana Smith

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

I agree with you. Received, thank you. Thank you for letting us know.
Dear Nevada City City Council Members,

Although I do not live within the boundaries of Nevada City, I have a Nevada City, 95959 address, and wish to express my extreme displeasure with the statements of Reinette Senum regarding the wearing of face masks during this present pandemic.

To contain this awful disease we all are facing, wearing face masks and social distancing are prescribed by medical professionals. We must, if we care for one another, comply. Flouting this mandate, endangering the lives of citizens in our community, is not acceptable.

As a ninety year old, I have the wish to stick around as long as I can.

The city I call home has a responsibility to be responsible.

Sincerely,

Jackie Wilson
Erin Minett Vice Mayor City of Nevada City
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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: <ugojo@nccn.net>
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<catrina.olson@gmail.com>, <DawnZydonis@nevadacityca.gov>

Ms. Sebum, You do not know me but I certainly now know who you are. My
name is JoAnne McIntire. My family and I have lived in Nevada County for
over 3 decades now. I was a special education teacher with GVSD until I
recently retired. I and my family are part of a large disabled community
here in Nevada County. My husband was disabled and we adopted 2 children
with physical disabilities. They are adults now.

One of my children, my daughter is 26. She was living independently in
Santa Cruz but due to her severe pulmonary issues, her doctors and I felt
like her living situation was too risky once COVID-19 hit. She had
multiple attendants coming into her home and a roommate with an
irresponsible, risky lifestyle. My daughter had to leave her life behind
and come here to isolate with me until a vaccine is developed or herd
immunity occurs and makes her safe. You see she is a partial quad with a
spine that twists around like a roller coaster and pushes her lungs into
two little balls at the top of her chest. When they test her lungs for
strength, she can’t even blow out a single candle on a computerized
birthday cake. COVID-19 will kill her and that IS NOT an exaggeration.
She won’t stand a chance. Her pulmonologist has said that besides being
in the house, the one activity that is currently safe for her is being
inside with me.

Because of how it risk my daughter is, I watch and read everything I can
get my hands on. I listen to the viral disease experts and doctors. I
know what they say. I know that masks help reduce the spread of COVID-19
and save lives. One only has to look at the dedicated actions of the people in Southeast Asia and the success of their containment to recognize how true that is. I also know that the words and actions of people like you make my community more risky, make it riskier for me to go out in it, and put my daughter’s life at risk.

Here’s what I’m doing about that. If a business is not taking good precautions and requiring mask-wearing of employees and customers, they have most by business and forever. And I am a dedicated local business person. I do not go down the hill. I do not shop at big box stores. I do not shop online. I spend my money here and I don’t care if I have to pay more. I have not stepped foot in a WalMart for over 2 decades because of how dedicated I am to my beliefs. So far, 4 businesses that I used to frequent have lost my business completely. I will now go down the hill or order from Amazon rather than give them my money. I will not tolerate ignorant, arrogant, fact-denying people who put my daughter’s life at risk as well as hundreds of others in our county. That would be you. I find your ignorance unconscionable. You may cherry pick to find some doctor that will say what you want to hear but I’ve been listening to everyone available including my daughter’s amazing ones in Santa Cruz and you are wrong, utterly and completely wrong. There’s no excuse for being so ignorant. I hope you lose your position in Nevada City government and as soon as possible. With no respect for you at all, JoAnne McIntire
To Nevada City City Council,

I support wearing face masks in public spaces when people are in close proximity to each other, to help reduce the spread of Covid-19.

Kim James
Nevada City resident


It is my belief that Mayor Senum is abusing her power to advocate for her personal feelings about wearing a mask in public. I believe her posts have been willfully reckless, as they inevitably encourage potentially asymptomatic people to spread the virus even more in our area. Her behavior is childish and does not reflect the ethics of what a public servant's behavior should reflect.

-Erin Jennings
June 22, 2020

Kathleen Kiefer
11408 Ridge Rd.
Nevada City, CA 95959

David Parker
317 Broad St.
Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Mr. Parker:

I, Kathleen Kiefer, as a 25 year resident of Nevada City, was greatly disturbed by the recent comments made by our mayor regarding Governor Newsom’s mask order and felt the need to share my thoughts with you now.

The COVID-19 virus does not bow to politics, it does not honor freedom (as a matter of fact, it takes advantage of it), and it knows no boundaries but those we place on it. It is a ruthless killer that survives by infecting its host - our lungs, and the more it thrives and mutates, the stronger it becomes. There is no antidote. There is no vaccine. Masks, social distancing, and hand washing are the ONLY tools we have to stop this monster.

For those of us that make up the large percentage of Nevada County’s vulnerable population, the people around us who refuse to use the tools we have (masks in particular), drive us further and further into isolation. We cannot risk patronizing businesses that are now able to take advantage of Stage 3 openings because of fellow humans that are not willing to wear a mask to protect us. It is the one simple act of kindness that could save our lives. Literally.

And when our leaders – be they national or local - use words and angry tones of voice to state to others that a mask order is not a law, it only serves to weaken the powerful boundary we as a community have to keep the killer among us at bay. Those leaders are perceived as actively siding with one portion of their constituency over the other more vulnerable percentage. That is not leadership. It is inflammatory verbiage that only serves to remove our freedom to be active in our community and to potentially cause our death.

Perhaps a more effective and appropriate leadership message to our community would be that, while the mask order is not a law, wearing a mask is the greatest kindness and most powerful virus-fighting act each of us can perform until TOGETHER we are able to defeat this enemy.

Thank you for considering these thoughts as well as the needs of your most vulnerable constituents as you continue to lead us through this difficult time safely.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Kiefer
June 24, 2020

Catrina Olsen
Nevada City Manager
317 Broad Street
Nevada City, CA 95959

In Regard to: Reinette Senum

Dear Ms. Olsen.

As a resident of Grass Valley, I am writing to express my dismay about Reinette Senum’s defiant attitude regarding the wearing of protective face masks during the Covid-19 pandemic. Her statements are evidence of her failure to comprehend the severity of the pandemic as well as her responsibility as an elected official to model appropriate behavior, especially in light of an increase in the infection rate in our community and nation wide. She stated that there is no law that forces anyone to wear a mask. Let me point out that mask wearing may not be a legal requirement and is certainly not a political issue. Mask wearing is a public health imperative along with social distancing both of which are at present our only protections from the spread of a deadly pandemic. As such, Senum’s stance against mask wearing is a danger to public health within the greater Nevada County community. Therefore, I ask for her resignation.

With all due respect,

Carmen Kinkade

Carmen Kinkade
To the city council of NEVADA COUNTY,

I am writing because I am very concerned about the comments of REINETTE SENUM and how it affects ALL OF US in our county and beyond.

It is proved that MASKS will help slow down the spread of the virus and this will keep the death count down.

Her words have power and she is DANGEROUS TO US ALL WITH HER COMMENTS AGAINST WEARING MASK.

I have lived in Nevada County for 43 years but spent a lot of my childhood playing in the river and woods in this beautiful county. I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS.

PLEASE EITHER CENSURE HER OR REMOVE HER ASAP. She continues to show her disregard for the safety of our people.

PLEASE TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY AND REMOVE HER!!

Sincerely,

song kowbell
Penn Valley

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=wm
June 28, 2020

To: Honorable Nevada City Council
    Catrina Olson, City Manager

Confrontation is not the answer!!

There is already too much vitriolic language being used on the political front. We certainly do not need further inflammatory remarks on any subject, particularly when it comes to personal beliefs. We all are certainly entitled to our own opinions.

Even if we feel that our own safety is not threatened by the use of masks we must respect the safety and deep concern of others. If we choose to refuse to respect the concern of others we are wrong. We may totally disagree on the use of masks with each other but that respect and concern must remain.

The law or advice or guideline whatever it is called is provided by the concern of health as well as political leaders. There is nothing to prove or resolve in challenging legal concerns about our current virus. That is not the problem we are facing. After all the ultimate goal is safety, not who is most right or wrong.

The effect of the Lockdown to our business community has been devastating. Tragically some will never recover We are all anxious to return to our old ways, this may never happen. If a merchant chooses to re-open under certain conditions we must respect those conditions for his or her safety as well as the public. They are complying with the best available health information as well as legal advice. If a merchant does not comply the possibility of suspension or other penalties exist. If communities refuse there could be financial penalties
from the State. If a business person asks a non masked person to leave their business or even not enter, that should be his right.

Finally if someone chooses to not wear a mask in public we must respect that person, even if for our safety, we feel we cannot be near them. The “Law”, or Guideline, is to start with, a Law or Guideline of Safe Conduct, I am certain not intended to punish but rather to guide and educate us to reach our goal of safety for all. Those choices of conduct are up to each of us. Let us try to recall and restore the beautiful community relationships that we have always enjoyed.

Respectfully
Wally Krill
215 Clay St
Nevada City
I believe that Nevada City's Mayor is making statements that are dangerous to people's health and also draw unwanted attention to our city.
To whom it may concern,

I live one parcel outside of Nevada City limits near Pioneer Park.

I know Reinette Senum personally. She has a good heart, and works tirelessly to benefit our community. However I have grave concern that her recent inflammatory statements regarding the wearing of masks and defying Governor Newsom’s State order are extreme, uninformed, misguided by conspiracy theory that have no basis in scientific facts. Her statements, have not only fueled reckless behavior that is directly threatening to our health, but her stance has hurt our economy. Her statements have gone to a national level and has created the perception that Nevada City and perhaps the county is not a "safe" county.

Because of this, people have been quoted as saying they are not going to visit, shop or tour here until we become so.

She must at the very least be censured. I would ask that she cease and desist from using her position as mayor to represent her personal opinions as representative of our city and county. In position as mayor, she is burdened with representative obligations to maintain equanimity and regard for all of the citizens viewpoints and concerns. To give opinions stated as facts at a public level on social media or the press is reckless and she must stop.

Best Regards

Lisa Lillie
lisa@lisacclillie.com

Thank you! I agree with you. Well said!
Dear Nevada City Council,

I lived in Nevada City for over ten years, and am now living just outside town on Eden Ranch Road.

I remember some daring rabble-rouser ladies of Nevada City that stirred things up, such as, Isabel Heffelfinger (I believe it was her) an fighting mode and has lost her ballast.

Her Facebook posts do not reflect an awareness of her responsibilities as mayor of our town. I believe she should be removed from the especially as it is a tourist/arts based economy.

I worked for the county as a library worker and was aware that I needed to stand my ground when appropriate; demonstrating to preven

Hoping for clarity and care on this, an old timer,
Jenny Long

Sent from my iPhone

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Hello – I’m writing to express my concern about recent comments and actions taken by Mayor Senum about the use of masks during the pandemic. Her comments have encouraged residents not to wear masks and are encouraging people from out of the city to either not come here or not wear masks when they are here.

Many households in the area have members who are particularly susceptible to the coronavirus, and these state activities we all need to do in our town. The quicker we can eliminate the contagion, the quicker we can get back to wear a mask when we are unable to distance from those outside our circle.

Please:
1. Enact a city declaration supporting the use of masks in businesses in the city.
2. Prohibit people unwilling to wear a mask in the city council’s chambers from entering, and provide a video channel where they can express their views without putting others’ health at risk.

Thank you.

Mark Wilson
Nevada City
Start a meeting
Join a meeting

Meet

Fwd: from a nevada county resident

Erin Minett
to me

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Marianne <wemac2@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jun 27, 2020, 10:14 AM
Subject: from a nevada county resident
To: <erinminett@gmail.com>

are our voices going to be drowned out by the worldwide support reinette is drumming up? is tuesday's meeting about reinette as she s
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marianne greenberg

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An Open Letter to the Nevada City Council,

This is a comment to be recorded for the public record. Thank you for your service to Nevada City. I've lived and done business with a Nevada City address for over 15 years now, tho my current residence is 5 digits. I'm an educator and a teen mentor, having worked with youth at NCSA, Bear River, Silver Springs, and Camp Augusta, and with PFLAG and What's Up Wellness Checkups. I also co-mentored the Youth Ride Against Racism in 2018.

I've been a friend of Reinette. I've encouraged people to vote for her, and spoken up for her in City Council, twice. I've been grateful for her efforts to support community spaces, farmers market, and the homeless. Unfortunately I need to formally withdraw my support and speak against Reinette today.

I've spoken up to Reinette personally on her FB page multiple times since the pandemic began. I've begged her to provide proactive community leadership when she repeatedly spread conspiracy theories about 5G encouraging people to go out looking for 5g installations - during SIP orders in late March, instead of sharing ANY public notices about where residents could obtain food, financial aid, covid testing, masks, or grocery run support for the elders and at risk.

Reinette called me a sheep in response, to "enjoy the slippery slope" and told me she was "very busy" with email, implying she couldn't find time to post condolences or support services. She declared this was her personal page (4000-something friends), and that she had a public Facebook page, Reinette's City Page (200-something followers). Yet shes never advertised her city page, her personal page states her mayor position, and she's invoked that position multiple times, including in recent appeals to international "experts" who share her bias.

So while I was quite sick in March and April, while New York friends' relatives got sick and died, I watched both Reinette's pages. Lots personal page posts, but nothing on her "city page" for almost a month- no local support services, and no condolences for the Bear River teacher's death, nor for the dozens of local families grieving the loss of their loved ones far away.

And here we are today. Reinette's gotten national attention for our town, for her incorrect assertions that public health emergencies don't allow for legal mask requirements. She's drawn more anti-mask tourists to our town, putting us all at risk. And she's flooded your inboxes with letters (including from people out of country)- taking up your valuable time that could be used helping citizens during a pandemic.

Reinette's among five *non-parents* who co-signed a campaign letter to "let children be
children" and have zero pandemic protocols at schools, which would endanger teachers as well as families. Many teachers I know are concerned for their health.

As my household has medical risk factors, we've been wearing masks since before it was mandated. They haven't restricted breathing. I am SO thankful for the businesses following the mask mandate for staff and customers. I now feel safe to shop in and support those businesses again. I encourage you to make a statement in support of masks. Curbside options exist for those who reject masks.

Reinette's called her constituents sheep on her page, as well as called dissenters a "pack of wolves," allowed and encouraged other commenters to do the same. I'm ashamed of Reinette's behavior- calling people sub-human for caring about public health? As an elected official? Her statements fail fact checking. She claims she's not telling people not to wear masks, that she's advocating choice- yet she's shared countless posts about how masks are unhealthy. She's fueling a large number of residents to buck public health guidelines that might help abate this virus to help vulnerable populations avoid illness and death. Disproportionately affected populations are Black, Indigenous, immune-compromised, and the elderly. Anti-mask advocates are saying those lives don't matter.

This has gone too far. I will campaign for whomever runs against Reinette in the next election, and I will support any efforts to end her term early.

Thank you,
"Xylem" Larla Dey Maloney
11339 Deer Creek Lane
Nevada City CA 95959

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Thanks so much,

Xylem Larla Dey

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xylem@teenleadership.org
530-575-7359
IG: teen_leadership_courses

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead
June 26, 2020

To: Erin Minett, Incoming Mayor  
Nevada City City Council  
Nevada City, California 95959

As a twenty-year resident of Nevada City, I feel duty-bound to object to Reinette Senum's latest tirade, this time urging her constituents to openly defy the Governor's order to wear masks in public in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This type of instigation flies in the face of responsible leadership. As an elected City Council member, and Mayor at the time of her posting, Reinette Senum has an obligation to use good judgment to serve her constituents by acting in their best interests, particularly in the areas of health and safety.

Instead, she encourages all of us to risk our own health during this pandemic in order to support her crackpot theory that 1) Masks are not protective, and 2) the Governor has some nefarious motive in ordering Californians to wear them. These statements betray her total incompetence and her inability to serve Nevada City in any capacity.

Reinette Senum did not stop with her initial posting. She went on to not so subtly compare herself and her supporters to victims of the Holocaust.
Reinette Senum in a danger to our community

Maggie McKaig <maggie.mckaig@gmail.com>
to nevadacity.olson

To whomever and whatever city or county officials will read this:

Reinette Senum’s public Facebook statement, that no one needs to abide by the state mandate to wear a mask, and her belief that masks will make you sick, has put our community at grave risk.

Her followers are behaving aggressively and sometimes violently in local businesses as a protest against the mask mandate. Meanwhile of those exchanges at the bottom of this email. If you haven’t seen or read it, it is truly alarming.

The situation has become intolerable. The city council must take a stand. If you don’t enforce the mandate on masks, we’re not going to be able to stop the Covid-19 virus. It is that simple.

Therefore we urge the city council to make a public statement condemning any type of aggressive or violent actions by anti-mask protesters.

We also urge you to make Reinette step down, and if that’s not possible, to censure her. You need to demonstrate that in no way does Nevada City support Reinette’s dangerous, anti-science nonsense.

You need to do this, because Reinette is not going to stop putting out this dangerous misinformation. As long as there are no consequences, she and her small but dedicated army of obnoxious, narcissistic followers will continue to endanger our community.

While we can’t stop what Reinette puts out on social media, we can come down hard on the violators in our local businesses. Your lack of resolve on this issue is taking a tremendous toll on local business owners, their employees, and the entire community.

We are in the middle of a pandemic that is not going away any time soon. It’s past time that city council members and Nevada County...
Dear Ms. Olson:

I tried to find a way to contact your Mayor Senum but conveniently the mayors contact information isn’t listed. Please forward to Mayor.

I saw the article in LA Times today Mayor Senum - What is your problem with Governor Newsom trying to protect the citizens of California? You and the many other cities that refuse to order Face Masks for your constituents obviously don’t care about their health! We have a contagious pandemic with Doctors only guessing how to help those that catch it. COVID-19 is getting worse in many areas of California.

If you and the other County officials that refuse to follow this order - then for the sake of the rest of California put road blocks at either end of your counties, cities, towns so no one can come in or leave!

Ask the Doctors, Nurses, & First Responders, if they want to take care of anymore of your narcissistic citizens and if they have the beds to take care of them!

The California Face Mask wearing citizens that want to help to stop the spread of COVID-19 don’t need your non mask wearing constituents coming to infect us! Stay away from LA COUNTY! We want to live!

Donna McQuery
dmcquery770@msn.com
I own a business in the city of Grass Valley, in Nevada City's sphere of influence. Please add my name to those who oppose Reinette using her elected position to spread her personal, conspiracy-fueled ideas opposing science-based info on public safety and mask safety. The false rumors she is spreading are harming our local economy, causing a deep public rift between her followers and those who believe in state health mandates. Some are aggressively demanding their 'rights,' while attacking retailers and citizens who require and wear masks. Thank you,
Beth Moore
535 Mill St, GV, 95945
Request of NC City Council regarding face-coverings

celine@theonyxtheatre.com
to NEVADACITY.OLSON

Dear Catrina Olson,

I am Celine Negrete, the General Manager of the Onyx Theatre in Nevada City. I have managed the theatre since 2010 (when it was the Magic Theatre) and I have intimate seating arrangements in our two screening rooms of 29 seats each, we may not be able to safely reopen for a few more months, if not longer.

When we do reopen we will be following all of the state and county mandates and guidelines as we believe that is the most responsible way to help the leadership back and support businesses who are following all guidelines and requirements from the state and local level.

We have already seen the damage that can be done when businesses are faced with members of the public who do not want to follow the mask requirements asking the Nevada City City Council to take a strong stand in protecting our public health workers, who are also targets of harassment, along with all other front line workers.

Sincerely,

Celine Negrete

Celine Adrianna Negrete
General Manager

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Gale Peach <gpeach@gmail.com> to nevadacity.olson@gmail.com

Greetings to all of you on our City Council.

Please make a statement to support the wearing of masks!!!

Wearing masks is one simple thing we can do to show respect for each other, hopefully reduce the risk of this virus, and help each other.

Reinette, as a public official, has no right in her position of public office to defy mandates and incite others to potentially put us at risk.

Thank you for your time,
Gale Peach

Breathe...and celebrate what is...

(Sent from my porch...from an undisclosed location, deep in the forest...)

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https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=wm
Kirsten Pierer <kischitlc@gmail.com>

to me

Dear Members of NC city counsel
please include my voice to the public comment.

The irresponsible statements of NC mayor, suggesting strongly not to wear masks, are too much to "stomach" in these difficult, anxiety provoking times.

Up until now I supported Senum's very liberal and innovative attitude, but this is too "crazy", too much "out there", outright deviating and harmful.

We need a voice of reason and common sense to lead and uplift, to hold, connect and support the small businesses and citizens of NC.

Mayor Senum lost my trust and my support.

Thanks for including my voice,

Kirsten Pierer
102 Finley Street
Nevada City
CA 95859
Mayor's defying the Governor's mandate.

raygris <raygris@yahoo.com>
to Nevadacity.olson

As an elected official, she is condoning, advocating and promoting the violation of a state health mandate. Not only should she be removed from office, but charged with the violation and possibly made an example of. She was elected to a post of responsibility, to represent us and to be a leader. She instead is promoting a personal bias with none of the expertise to make such a decision for herself or our community. Now, please do your job.

Thank you for your time, Ray Griswold

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.
Hello,

Masks must be required in Nevada City per the CA. mandate.

If I wear one and others don’t, it’s like taking a knife to a gun fight.

I live just outside Nevada City. Before Covid, we went to town for events, restaurants, the theatre, shopping etc. I won’t go into buildings where people aren’t wearing masks.

Thank you,
Vicky Reeder
10876 Morning Star LN
Nevada City
Dan Rodriguez and Dee Alcott-Rodriguez <deedandan@att.net>

to nevadacity.olson

I would like to register my extreme disapproval of what our Mayor, Reinette Senum, has been doing to foment chaos and unrest in our community. Face coverings are associated with a decrease in COVID-19 infection rates. It is a sensible preventive measure. It will keep our citizens safe.

Reinette’s messages are encouraging reckless behavior, which is increasing the possibility of infection for our community. What is she thinking? Where is she trying to do? Who is she serving? It is not the citizens of this community. She is endangering us. She is also factually incorrect in her claim that businesses can’t require employees or patrons to wear masks in their establishments. They most certainly can. I will only patronize establishments that require them. Those who choose not to try to protect their neighbors can patronize establishments that share their beliefs.

Please, protect our community. Use whatever powers you have to get our Mayor to stop pushing her personal views on this community.

Sincerely,
Deborah Alcott-Rodriguez

Dan Rodriguez and Dee Alcott-Rodriguez
deeanddan@att.net
Laura Rohrsen <lrohrsen@att.net> to Nevadacity.olson

I am in support of Governor Newsom's mandate for people to wear masks inside public spaces and continue social distancing at this pivotal time with the virus and with the economy opening back up. Thank you.

Laura Rohrsen, Nevada City

Sent from my iPhone
Hi Katrina & Council members, from an actual Nevada City (28-year) resident -

First, I’m confused about this meeting… The “only” information I’ve seen is the 6/25 Union article (https://www.theunion.com/news/nevada-city-to-address-the-City’s YouTube page, with videos of past meetings. And through late Sunday night/early Monday (1:49 a.m. as I’m about to send this) where is the agenda? Perhaps it’ll be posted later today; and maybe I’ll write again after that. But just in case, I want to be sure you not official position on recent state orders requiring masks in public spaces.”

Adding to the confusion, I’ve seen on Facebook that Mayor/Councilmember Senum has been soliciting international support, portraying overreach. WE need TONS of emails written on my behalf….” (Capitalization in original.) if her characterization of the meeting’s purpose so for now, I’ll go with the less hysterical version; i.e., the Union article. Which means that I’ll limit my comment to address only “the council’s official position on recent state orders requiring masks in public spaces.”

Since the recent state orders are legally valid (see, e.g., Politifact: https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020/jun/24/facebook-posts/yes-gov-newsom-has-authority-outlaw-town, right? So, yes, let’s get behind the new requirements. In fact, let’s not even go on record as questioning that policy, which months of supposed public awareness — is scientifically (as well as legally) sound. We all know, or should know, what we need to do to keep the virus at bay by stopping its spread: social distancing, serious hand-washing, and face coverings. I.e., masks are just one piece of the puzzle, but they’re an important, even crucial piece.

I said I wouldn’t get into the whole censure/berate-Reinette thing on the assumption that it’s not really on your agenda. But I will say this town governed by an anti-mask mayor. (I say “governed by,” because I can’t expect out-of-area journalists and readers to be aware of Reinette’s role in the special meeting: We need to clarify that we’re all in this together. It’s all of us vs. the virus — not Nevada City vs. Calif

- Stephen Greenberg
14 Turpentine Drive
Nevada City, CA 95959
(530) 265-3696
sgberg@pacbell.net
I am appalled that one of your beautiful city's elected officials is acting like a spoilt child. We live in Penn Valley and do enjoy visiting your lovely town and its businesses. If R. Senum is setting the example that it is not necessary to wear masks during this pandemic, she is hurting Nevada City. I choose not to go to businesses where mask wearing is not mandatory. We are seniors and have the right to stay healthy. Those who ignore wearing masks are just plain selfish.

Joan Salyer

Sent from my iPad
DEBI SEKERAK <debisekerak@att.net> to duanestrawser, Nevadacity.olson, erin4nevadacity

Submitted for the record:

Hi Duane,

I hope you and the family are doing as best as can be expected during these unimaginable times.

This email is out of concern for the actions and public statements of Nevada City’s current Mayor.

Several people I know, from places other than NevCo, contacted me to ask who she was and why a Mayor would care so little for the fact, she is personally broadening her message beyond our borders.

Yes, I know every American has the right to voice an opinion. Unfortunately, she has prefaced her own opinion with the statement of being NC’s Mayor. By doing so it is no longer construed as just “her opinion”.

People have now announced they will not shop in NC due to her actions and feeling like NC does not care about their safety. This is very sad for our little town and our struggling businesses.

This behavior negatively affects the livelihood of others. An elected official should never be allowed to misrepresent her opinion as the fact.

Hopefully there is a way for Nevada City to unring this bell and mitigate the damage it has caused to local business owners. The next step could be liability claims against the city. (Can’t imagine NC can afford lawsuits.)

Thank you for taking the time to hear these concerns. They are not just mine.

Debi

Sent from my iPhone
Wear A Mask!

Be Smart

Protect those in your community!

Just wear it!
Dear Mayor,
I'm horrified that you would encourage your community not to wear masks during this crisis.
Shame on you. Wearing masks will decrease spread. Be a real leader.
Stephanie
Oakland, CA 95957
Reinette Senum

Patricia Smitt <psmitten1@yahoo.com>
to NevadaCity.Olson@gmail.com

I don't live in Nevada City limits, however I do have a Nevada City address and am a part of this community. We are experiencing a 100 year global pandemic and must rely on local leadership to help keep us safe. The MAYOR of Nevada City is giving false information to our community about our safety and reopening our town and it makes all of us less safe.

I'm writing to urge the city council to address the dangerous misinformation given by the mayor. I love our community and pray we can wearing a mask is a critical part of opening up safely. The message must be consistent if we're to move forward. The virus has not gon

Thank you for your consideration.

Pat Smitt

P.O. Box 2531
19643 Sages Road
Nevada City, CA 95959

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Thank you for your response.  Thank you!  Thank you for letting us know.
Hello,

I am a Nevada County Native. I grew up here and have a business here. I am shocked and appalled by the public statements of Reinette! They have only served to tear this community apart, negatively effect has escalated aggression and created less safe conditions for residents and shoppers. I believe we need to be wearing masks in public into stores where they practice safety protocols and wear masks. It is important that we protect out citizens and I view Reinette's stance mask, as is one of her arguments, then educate citizens on how to wear a mask safely. Some of our most intelligent citizens, such as surgeons, wear masks for hours at a time and they are healthy and maintain their intellectual acuity...

Please protect our community from this insanity.

Thank you,
Abra

Well said!  I agree with you.  Love it!
I support wearing masks in Nevada County! - nevadacity.olson@gmail.com - Gmail
I live right outside of Nev. City on Newtown Rd. I am writing this to support the censor of Reinette Senum in regards to her stance on anti-mask wearing during the spiking pandemic. This is harmful to our entire county.

Margo Stebbing

Got it. Thank you! Got it, thanks!
The mayor and masks.

bonsall32 <bonsall32@aol.com>
to me

To whom it may concern:

I am a physician assistant who works for Sutter Health. I live at 516 Nursery Street within the city limits of Nevada City.

I am in dismay at the current mayor’s stance on wearing masks. As a health care provider on the frontlines I do everything to keep my place where I can relax and I know I will not be bringing more exposure to my patients from my neighborhood.

Also on Nursery Street we have our sweet 5 year old neighbor with cerebral palsy if she were to contact COVID this could be fatal to her.

We trust our governor and wish to obey the laws he has placed for us. To have an elected official advocate to break these laws is horrendous.

Friends from out of the area call frequently to ask what the heck is going on. This is giving Nevada City a horrible reputation and putting our businesses at risk.

As for scientific evidence. It is overwhelming in favor of mask wearing.

Hospitals around the world have been practicing droplet precautions for over 50 years with good success. Recent studies at Stanford have confirmed the efficacy of wearing masks.

As a resident of Nevada City I would like a mayor that supports us in our desire for good health, safe community and support of our neighbors.

Sincerely yours,

Sara Streich
516 Nursery Street
Thank you for your service and for taking the time to listen to my concerns. My name is Rebecca Vandegrift. I have lived in Grass Valley have and do, patronized and socialize in Nevada City as I do in Grass Valley. And I actively participate in actions to better serve my community. Unscientific, unfounded posted comments from your current mayor are beyond disturbing. They are damaging to our standing in the state. They are dangerous to our community. Reinette Senum is causing civil division and is relying on fact-less based dogma, unproven reports and spiritual gurus. Our businesses are suffering already and Reinette's irresponsible posts and comments is further hurting our local economy as tourists are having second and third thoughts of coming here or deciding to stay away altogether. Reinette is no longer a civil servant that was elected to serve her community. She promotes her agenda regardless of
Hi Catrina. I’m an old friend of Reneitte, and resident of Nevada County. I fear she’s going WAY out these days. And I want to alert you of a new unfoldment in that saga.

She is enlisting some anti mask guy from Bali to petition his following to barrage You all with emails on her behalf. These people don’t live here and certainly aren’t her constituents. Be on guard!

She needs to step down from office.

Nicholas Vaughan
11339 Deer Creek Lane
Nevada City, CA 95959

Here is the link to her appeal/his post and a copy of the text:

https://www.facebook.com/685163486/posts/10158883043003487/?d=n

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duanestrawser@gmail.com
erin4nevadacity@gmail.com
czechgirl163@gmail.com
davidsparkyparker569@gmail.com
reinettesenum@gmail.com
And, thank you for your brilliance!

Sacha Stone is with Riah Abu El Assal and 94 others.
Yesterday at 4:08 PM ·
Friends.....please see this appeal to me below from Reinette Senum the good Mayor of Nevada City.

Lets make her little town famous as the line in the sand....between the living and the dead...the masked and the unmasked. Lets help the good mayor redeem her town and the good people of the living soil from the false-light idolators, the deceivers and that salamander class of soulless technocrats & kleptocrats who would dare violate God's law and try to regulate how humans breathe, walk, smile, hug, make~love and rejoice in life.

I appeal to ALL my conscious friends to email the list below in Reinette's post..... Make your voices heard and may the thrum of our collective hearts drown out the symphony of chaos and dystopia these treasonous legislators wish upon us and our unborn.

Arise Homo sapiens
Good Morning,

My name is Mystery Wallis. I live in Nevada City just outside the city limits. I have heard of Mayor Senum’s call to not wear masks and defy the California governor, and to be honest, it scares me.

It is sadly true that it has gotten to a point where it is hard to know if you can trust high up politicians, and why they request that you wear masks, you feel an urge to defy them or not trust them, but wearing masks has been proven countless times to stop the spread of disease, which is why they have been used for hundreds of years [(https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/Respiratory-Protection-history.html), (https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2020-04-10/medical-face-masks-an-illustrated-history)].

Mayor Senum’s denial of this is frightening and has already lead to an apparent increase in COVID 19 cases along with Nevada City being talked about with distaste by the LA Times and SF Gate Newspapers.

**Can Nevada Country afford this distaste? Can we afford the deaths? The overuse of the hospital leading to more deaths? The denying of Statewide regulations? Of the governer? Of science?**

Being told to wear a mask is no different than being asked to wear pants in public, which I have not seen protested. It does not restrict breathing, and personal freedom? The government must protect it, but not at the cost of lives, for if a person is dead, they have no freedom.

I would not care if people were choosing to not wear masks if it did not affect people that
were wearing masks and trying to stay healthy. But it does. And it affects the
immunocompromised, seniors, and children the most, and as I am sure you are aware, Nevada
Country is mostly made up of seniors.

I urge you to fight for all our lives, for the lives of your family, friends, and neighbors. For
yourself. Urge people to follow the State, CDC, and WHO guidelines. The guidelines that most
other countries are following. **Believe in science, please do not let Nevada County citizens
die. Please! This affects us all.**

Sincerely,

Mystery Wallis
To whom it may concern,

I am in full support of the state mandate to wear masks in public spaces and am appalled at the local action of our mayor to counter this health of our local economy. Who wants to visit our town as it reopens if they know masks are being discouraged by our local leader? Healthy of our community at risk more than she already has.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Miranda Wensel
resident at 519 Nursery Street, Nevada City
Dear City Council Members,

I’m writing to voice my concern about recent news reports on Nevada City. We live just outside of Nevada City and my husband has an office on Broad Street. This does not make us residents but I’d like to voice my concern nonetheless.

I have appreciated and supported the work Reinette Senum has done for Nevada City for many years. She has contributed so much good to our community in so many ways. It therefore pains me to be writing this letter.

I am deeply concerned (read: livid) at seeing the NC mayor in the news these days. I find it disturbing to see the mayor now pleading to a celebrity “spiritual being” in Bali to engage his world wide following to deluge you good people with letters of support for anti-mask rhetoric in the middle of a global pandemic.

I am asking that you all consider censure, or better, removal of Reinette from office. It’s not possible to be a public servant while being vocal in the extreme about public health issues that go against the state and county policy positions, thus putting our community at risk. We all care about the economy, however, we personally have several friends outside of the area who will not come here and who will not spend money here. They are following all precautions where they live and would do so here as well but they are concerned about putting themselves at risk by visiting! This hurts our local economy!

I also as that you require anyone entering and/or present in a city building to follow the mandate to wear a face covering. Those who refuse need to be removed from the building. Please follow through on this.

The rhetoric of the current mayor is an embarrassment to our community and at this point I have to question soundness of mind.

Thank you for considering my input.
Respectfully,

Shari Wilson
I feel that Reinette Senum and her anti-mask rhetoric is making the already dangerous situation with Covid 19 worse. It would be one thing if this was just her personal beliefs, but she is using her public position and supporters to damage the overall health of this town. I was born in Nevada County and live in downtown Nevada City. My elderly mother lives here, and I work at a school. I don't want this person's behavior hurting my mother or me. She should step down, and if she will not then she needs to be removed.

Jared Witkofsky
Reinette Senum Action

Carol Yoder <carolannyoder1@gmail.com>
to NEVADACITY.OLSON@gmail.com

Attached is my letter asking for the resignation of Ms. Senum.
Carol Yoder

June 26, 2020

Dear Nevada City Council Members,

We, the undersigned, are asking for the resignation of Reinette Senum from the Nevada City Council.

Reinette has been instructing residents, businesses, and visitors that they do not need to follow the statewide mask mandate issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 15, 2020. Her directives are a travesty/misrepresentation of Nevada City that endanger the physical and financial well-being of our community.

This is not new behavior from Council Member Senum. The City has a record of using valuable time and resources to deal with the repercussions of her words and actions publicly and on social media.

Should Ms. Senum refuse to resign from her appointment on the Nevada City Council, we ask that this Council vote to censure her to remove her personal bias and opinions regarding the pandemic the City is currently batting.

We, the undersigned, are united in our opposition to the words and actions of Council Member Senum, who has created animosity among residents and businesses and harmed the well-being of our beloved City.

Thank you for your support and the continued hard work you do to keep our city vibrant and safe.

Sincerely,

Name: **CAROL YODER**

Address: 322 BRIDGE WAY

**RENAW CITY, CA 95959**
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I have been looking to buy a home in Nevada city for the last year. After hearing what your mayor has been saying about wearing a mask, I am very concerned. It is very irresponsible information for her to be giving her community. I will be looking elsewhere for a home to buy. Very sad because I loved visiting your town.

Janet Kroyer

Sent from my iPhone
Hello City Council,

I have lived here in Grass Valley and Nevada City since November of ’73. Both of my children were born here. I worked for 36 years in the Operating Room at SNMH as a Registered Nurse...I am now retired. Infection control was a daily part of my practice.

Covid-19 is a deadly virus, and a public health nightmare. California's numbers have been going up at a terrifying rate. Multiple counties and some cities already had a mask ordinance in place before Governor Newsom's state-wide mask mandate on June 18th. Masks have been proven to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Reinette, using her Facebook page, has decided to disagree with Governor Newsom's mandate. She is using her title of Mayor to lend political credence to her disagreement and her unwillingness to wear a mask. She is making it look like the entire city is against wearing masks. The story has been picked up by the Sacramento papers, and makes our county look bad and non-compliant. This attitude only encourages the anti-maskers, and could keep people from coming here to shop. This is unconscionable, bad for business, and a gross abuse of power.

Of all times, we need to work together to slow the spread of the virus by wearing masks, helping our businesses survive by safely patronizing them. 25% of our population is over 65 and high risk if we contact the virus.

Please censure Reinette. She needs to be reined in.

Jane Milner
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Ms. Olson:

I own a historic property in Nevada City and just wanted to complement Council Member Erin Minnett for speaking out about the mayor’s latest embarrassment for Nevada City. I am beyond stunned that the voters choose to retain the mayor on the council. I personally think she is mentally ill and makes Nevada City a laughing stock in the region and now statewide.

I would write Ms. Minnett directly but could not find any email addresses for the council on your website. Again, I applaud her efforts and was sorry that Ms. Senum was not removed months ago. Thank God her reign of terror is over in 9 days.

Cheers, Lee

Sent from Lee's super awesome iPad!
It is dangerous and irresponsible that the mayor of our town is suggesting to people that they not wear masks. Our town already has had to bear the scourge of her reckless comments regarding chem trails. G5 and most disgracefully, Sandy Hook denial. The police department has the right to ticket people not wearing masks in public. This is a mandate from the Governor and is enforceable. Check with the City attorney. I do hope the Department of Public Health can weigh in on this.

Respectfully,

Karla Arens
Nevada City
Response Requested

Email

Sent from IP Address: 2601:206:8200:3f50:787a:fd6e:d03a:4d7
Public Comments

Nancy Bleile, MD, MPH
265 Giles St
Nevada City, CA

I am writing to express my deep concern over the mayor’s recent facebook statements concerning the mandate to wear face coverings. These comments are divisive and undermine an important public health initiative. I ask the council to act to mitigate the confusion these comments have raised in our community.

The SARS-2 coronavirus is an urgent public health issue and we know that individual behavior makes a difference in its spread. At this point, we do not have many tools to prevent or treat this infection--there is no cure, no oral or post-exposure treatments, no vaccine. Staying home when we feel ill is clearly the responsible thing to do, but we also know that people are infectious before they have a clue that they carry this virus. Research this year has demonstrated that face coverings offer some real protection, especially against unwittingly spreading the virus to others. As this evidence has come forth, recommendation for the use of a face covering has changed. For the sake of everyone in our community, let’s put this tool to use and add it to our practices of hand hygiene and physical distancing. I’m wearing a mask to protect you. I hope you will do the same for me.
I have lived in Nevada county for over 35 years and have to say that the mayors comments on the wearing of masks has taking the prize for the most political and life threatening comment I have ever heard one of our many mayors say. It sickens me that we have a public figure that will put her own beliefs in front of science, facts and public safety.

I was going to write more but I believe some of the correspondence I've had with Ms. Senum will say it best.

Brad

On 6/22/2020 4:17 PM, Reinette Senum wrote:
You have no idea what I stand for. And your nasty email means nothing to me.

Cheers,

Reinette Senum
Mayor
Nevada City, California
530-264-6048 Cell
reinettesenum@gmail.com
www.thefoghornexpress.com

Mission: To Leave The World Better Than When We Found It

On Jun 22, 2020, at 5:05 PM, Brad Borgogno <bradb@rb-com.com> wrote:

That's not too surprising of a reply! Like most of "your type", don't deal with the point... side step and the stupid ones will follow!

shame!
BB

On Jun 22, 2020, at 9:47 PM, Reinette Senum <reinettesenum@gmail.com> wrote:

Curious? What's my type?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 23, 2020, at 8:57 AM, Brad Borgogno <bradb@rb-com.com> wrote:

That is a great question! When I refer to "your type" I'm referring to the people who can't seem to be able to understand the difference between politics and human decency, science and personal beliefs.
It's a mask (Good god... a freaking mask) and it's been proven to reduce the spread of the virus thus save lives! There is no question about that. Everybody wants this economy to open up and yet the ones screaming the loudest about opening up are the ones saying don't wear masks. My hope is that your "type" would be able to support working as one to open this and use science rather then politics to move this country and world past this ugly place we are in. Instead you create and support the division you sit there and gripe about.

I sent you a nasty letter because your political comments are putting me and my family in harms way. That's crap, I won't stand for it and you need to understand that and so far you have not been able to. I've lived in the area for over 35 years now... this is NOT the Nevada City I know and I'm very happy you are about done. It could not come soon enough when making comments like that that are sure to cost many lives in the months to come!

I can only pray that the next round of people who get in office can actually put aside their personal biases and believes and use science and common decency to help all who are scared and tiered through this.

I am not interested in this division that has moved across this country (Us and them, this type or that type) and yet it is a few that refuse to put down the politics and their self interest that are going to bring on the second and third wave of this. Then how is this economy going to be doing? So short sided!

Forest Gump said it best... stupid is as stupid does... Americans are being stupid as of late and making stupid comments like you did and continue to support them will cost lives.... it's that simple and it's on your shoulders.

So please, because somehow I know there is no change you are going to make (your ego is wrapped up in this and it shows). Simply sit out your term and let people who have true concern for our community lead the community the right way thought this and step down gracefully.

I spent the time to write this and my bet it's not even going to be read but if for some reason you do I hope you understand this. You are putting me and my families lives at risk with comments that are based on politics and not science/fact. If you continue to push this and my family suffers I will not go down without a fight. You will be hearing from me and a great number of others. Your comment is all ready killing people and you will sit there and justify it. That truly sickens me!

Oh and one more thing. I don't need to know what a Murder stands for to know it's not right. It gets back to peoples ability to put their own biases and beliefs aside and do what right. Give it a shot or please keep you mouth shut and quit killing people.

Thank you for your time.

Brad

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"Not always so" [is] a good little phrase to carry around when you're sure. It gives you an opportunity to look again more carefully and see what other possibilities there might be in the situation.
Dear Council Members:

I was so very disheartened to hear that your Mayor came out and said that she will not follow the governors orders to wear masks inside buildings.

We have been social distancing for over 3 months. I live in the Bay Area and live scared every day. I as everyone else want this to be over. But, people like your mayor are making it so very difficult. Why can't people wear masks? What is the problem with wearing a mask? Is it uncomfortable? Isn't that too bad that it's uncomfortable. I bet it would be even more uncomfortable if the Mayor were to come down with the Cover 19 virus. She and those who do not wear masks inside just threaten others when they don't take precautions.

I never, ever send emails to council members or politicians. But, I just couldn't stay quiet when someone acts so recklessly as your mayor has.

Thank you very much for reading my email.

Regards,

Linda Brown
California Resident
How irresponsible for Nevada City Mayor to put her residents and visitors in such danger. Your businesses will never open/remain open if they are not safe and people do not believe they are safe. Trust is everything during a pandemic. And no business is safe without masks. A basic and simple method to assist in control of this virus. To hide your head in the sand and not follow the most public health guidelines is a death sentence. And one death is too many. If you are so convinced that masks should not be mandated in Nevada City then make yourself available at your home so we can all come and breath on you.

Cat
Terri, please understand that this is NOT my or our Community’s statement. It is solely the statement of Reinette Senum, one rogue council member who happens to wear the title of Mayor which she has used inappropriately, multiple times, for her own benefit. As an American citizen she can use her rights of free speech to say what she wants, no matter how inappropriate, but using the title of “Mayor” to make her statements gives her comments an air of fake legitimacy that can trick the public into believing the whole community supports her, which couldn’t be further from the truth. We’ve looked at options to remove her in the past, but were unsuccessful, and Calif State law requires that public officials can be recalled only by the voting citizens that elected her, there’s nothing the other City Council members or City Staff can do to remove her or force her to stop making unauthorized statements, apparently even under the title of Mayor.

I appreciate your concern and want to assure you that the other Council Members, Staff, my business & employees, as well as the majority of Nevada City businesses and citizens take this health threat seriously and are following the State &/or Federal guidelines. As a concerned citizen I encourage you to voice your opinion about Reinette’s comments to our local media outlets such as KNCO, KVMR, The Union, Yuba Net etc.

Regards,
Nevada City Councilman

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 22, 2020, at 9:36 AM, Terri Catanesi <tcatanesi@auhsdschools.org> wrote:

My mother-in-law will be 95 in September and lives in Nevada City. Your statement “As you go about your day today, KNOW there is NO LAW that Orders you to Wear a Mask” is extremely irresponsible.

There are a lot of citizens in Nevada City that fall into the “high-risk” category. You should be making statements that encourage mask wearing, to help protect themselves and others, as it is the single most responsible and simple act we can do at the moment in the face of this pandemic. Cases are on the rise in California and in Nevada City. Stand up for your citizens, young and old; your statement sounds “Trumpian.” Very disheartening.

Luckily your term expires soon and hopefully Erin Minett will be Mayor; she’s even
wearing her mask in the photo where I found all of your email addresses. Go Erin!

Terri Catanesi
Site Support Tech
Acalanes High School
Good morning,
I'm sure you are all aware of our mayor's recent public message that residents shouldn't obey the Ca mask mandate. I won't even attempt to wade into the inexplicably contentious science of protecting our community's health but I would like to address the harm this is causing our local businesses, employees and residents who are just trying to survive this economically difficult time. Every local business owner and employee that I have spoken to has described having to endure angry verbal abuse *every single day* from a vocal minority when they ask them to follow store masking policy. We all know that employees put themselves at higher risk of covid for our sakes and it is entirely fair that people respect businesses requests to help keep them safe. Teenagers and adults who are just trying to do their jobs should not be yelled at, called fascists, or dread going to work for fear of abuse over something that is out of their personal control. I was so hopeful that the state mandate would relieve this pressure on individuals by making the rule universal. Instead, our mayor went out of her way to actively encourage and stoke this anger.

In addition to the stress this puts on our local employees every day, I have heard more than one person describe being confronted in public for choosing to wear a mask during senior hours in a grocery store where they are required. My friend was chased down the street by someone accosting her and her small children for wearing masks on the sidewalk. This atmosphere is so toxic and doesn't match the kind-hearted community that we live in. I am beyond disappointed that our own mayor would *encourage* this adversarial animosity.

This behavior is only keeping the concerned majority away from our local businesses, even when we desperately want to support them. Many of us have been going out of our way to buy more than normal from our local restaurants and shops through this entire covid ordeal (by using curbside pickup when that was the only option and following safe distancing practices when that was allowed) but that has become impossible in many of those same businesses because they are packed with people ignoring all of the guidelines, ignoring distancing, ignoring masks, etc. Instead of having each other's backs, public safety is being turned into some political war. Everyone has their own opinions and personal risk tolerance
and that's understandable. But when their actions are affecting everybody else's safety and ability to open up businesses, it's no longer their just their personal safety at stake. I really thought our small town and engaged community were above this. Supporting the state mask mandate will help take the burden off of the public and the embattled employees. If everyone in the state is following the law in shared spaces, we can maintain our personal choices at home and amongst like minded friends but can stop putting the blame on bystanders who are just trying to re-engage in the new normal version of public spaces.

I was born and raised in Nevada City and brought my family back to raise my kids here. One of our greatest assets has always been our respect, acceptance and support of each other as a community. I am saddened that not everyone is actively trying to protect their neighbors but I am even more disheartened by the anger and intolerance that is being sowed. As our city council, I hope that you can address this. We desperately need some sort of unified voice of tolerance and understanding right now. We need to have each other's back and keep our community safe and open.

I hate to say this or even have this thought cross my mind but, I would appreciate it if you would keep my comments anonymous. You are welcome to contact me or share my words but I'm not comfortable with my name or contact being spread further than this group (for all of the reasons above). Thank you so much for listening.
Form Name: Report a Concern

Form Text: Please provide the information requested below to report a problem or concern to City Hall. If you would like to speak directly with a staff member, you may call City Hall at (530) 265-2496, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.-noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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Name: Daniel Chaplin
Email Address: danc.malachite@gmail.com
Street Address: 14377 Jones Bar.Rd
Phone Number: 5302630943
Area of Concern: Other
Location of Concern: Nevada City

Brief Description of the Issue: The mayor’s statement about masks is extremely irresponsible and dangerous, and puts me at significant risk. One thing for people to not wear a mask and get sick/die themselves. But other’s poor choices exposes me and those I care about to those same risks. My choice is to not do business in Nevada City until things change. I am not alone in my anger...

Response Requested: Email

Sent from IP Address: 209.222.124.86
Hello those of you presiding over this public meeting,

Thank you for hearing my public comment. I sent the below email to Mayor Suen and received and auto reply which read 'not to expect a response.' It was not clear she would even read it. Vice Mayor Mistigator suggested I forward my comments to you, for which I am grateful.

I am writing to urge you to help the citizens of our county in this trying time of COVID19 to act prudently and protectively of us all, by wearing masks. As I stated in my email to Mayor Suen below, in 1 death, and in Hong Kong 5 deaths. They do not close their businesses, they do not quarantine all their citizens, they do however all wear masks. In Taiwan the government sends each household fresh masks who travel into the country for 14 days, and quarantine those who have symptoms of COVID19, and test regularly and take temperatures in many public sites. Compare those numbers with our current death well there is no comparison. Masks when used correctly stop 80% of the transmission of the virus through the spray droplets it resides in.

I want to ad that a friend of mine was going to travel to Nevada City this summer, but upon reading the article in SF Gate titled: Nevada City mayor suggests citizens ignore California mask order link below for thought. Perhaps we can come together in city government to issue a statement of support for Governor Newsom’s order to wear masks and encourage our community members to comply for the safety a publicity that our Mayor has gotten.

I was traveling in NYC, Los Angeles and San Francisco in February. I got symptoms of COVID19 in March 14th. I battled hard for 2 1/2 months with IV therapies from my local excellent Physician and a nurse into my lungs and much more. I was bedridden for 6 weeks and ill for 10. My lungs are still not fully right, I feel pressure in my chest when I walk short distances. This is a serious disease. I have a nurse-immune disease. I do not develop in me easily, I am at risk for reinfaction. My mother is in the best health and overweight and a senior who lives in Grass Valley. Many of my friends in the area are seniors. I use stores. I am deeply connected to the disabled community through FREED many of whom are chronically ill and high risk.

Let us please not ignore science and the expert recommendations or people’s experiences who’ve had the disease or whose loved ones have died of it. I have a big black American side of my family and their s Los Angeles are filled with deaths as we know its effecting people of their ancestry at higher numbers. My friend in Chicago’s uncle died of COVID19. My friends in NYC all have posted about friends of all mine in NYC who have had it like me are experiencing the post symptoms of trouble with their lungs when exercising.

Our Governor has done a better job that many issuing statewide quarantine, and we have been very fortunate in Nevada County to have a very low infection rate because of it. Let us not tempt fate by inviting b citizens to defy our Governors orders and not wear masks, especially now that things are opening up more.

Epidemiologists say we are still in the first wave of this pandemic. It is far from over. I am very upset our mayor has put all of us at risks with these reckless statements.

Thank you, Monet Clark


Mayor Renette Suen, A friend of mine’s cousin lives in Taiwan, and my friend being a Space Avionic Engineer with a brilliant mind for data analysis and has been crunching numbers on the transmission rates etc. of COVID19 interviewed his cousin on how the government there is handling COVID19 given they have only had 7 deaths. Let that sink in, 7 deaths, compared to the USA’s 122,000 deaths. They have not closed business everywhere! What they do, is send masks to every household free of charge, and insist everyone wear them, surgical masks. When they get wet they change them and use a new one. Masks block 80% of the in wear them, by catching the spittle expelled when talking etc which the virus is transmitted within. They also quarantine all travelers to the country for 14 days, they have temperature checks and testing sites they quarantine those with symptoms. In Hong Kong my Chinese doctors told me they all wear masks, they cannot social distance because its too populace, but they wipe surfaces with sanitizer when they go had 5 deaths.

The facts clearly show masks help enormously to stop spread of COVID19.

I was traveling in NYC, Los Angeles and San Francisco in February. I got symptoms of COVID19 in March 14th. I battled hard for 2 1/2 months. My lungs are still not fully right, I feel pressure in my chest serious disease. I have a nurse-immune illness, I was at risk. Antibodies don’t develop in me easily, I am at risk for reinfaction. My mother is not in the best health and overweight and a senior who lives in the area are seniors. I feel for the check out clerks at grocery stores. I am deeply connected to the disabled community through FREED many of whom are chronically ill and high risk.

Please do not ignore science and the expert recommendations or people’s experiences who’ve had the disease or whose loved ones died. I have a big black American side of my family and their social media posts are filled with deaths as we know its effecting people of their ancestry at higher numbers. My friend in Chicago’s uncle died. My friends in NYC all have posted about friends of theirs who have died had it, are like me experiencing the post symptoms of trouble with their lungs when exercising.

Our government missed the opportunity for mass testing, mask distributions, and other strategies to get a handle on the spread. Now we are left to handle things state by state, county by county. Our Governor issuing statewide quarantine, and we have been very fortunate in Nevada County to have a very low infection rate.

Let us not tempt fate by inviting infection by advising Nevada City citizens to defy our Governors orders and not wear masks, especially now that things are opening up more.

Epidemiologists say we are still in the first wave of this pandemic. It is far from over. I am very upset you are putting all of us at risks with these reckless statements.

Monet Clark
**Coronavirus disease**

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- **Total**
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I normally go to Nevada City once or twice a week. Without people wearing masks I will no longer be using Nevada City for my business.

Lindsey Cleveland
Penn Valley
Erin Minett Vice Mayor City of Nevada City  
530 478 1816  
erin4nevadacity@gmail.com

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Susan Collignon <susan@collassoc.com>
Date: Sun, Jun 21, 2020, 4:31 PM
Subject: Your Facebook Post
To: <reinettesenum@gmail.com>
Cc: <erin4nevadacity@gmail.com>

Wow. I have been looking forward to taking a day trip to the Gold Country with friends now that Newsom has said we must wear masks. His order made me feel safe. Your Facebook post is very disturbing and appears to be written by someone who does not care about people, only $$$.

What I mean to say is: your post is selfish, ignorant and I will be boycotting Nevada City until Covid disappears or you change your stance, which is a shame. But with Auburn, Placerville, Angels Camp and so many other lovely places to go, I will take a pass on your lovely town. I WAS VERY GLAD to see the Vice Mayor of your town presenting a more normalized reaction, vis-à-vis her mask-wearing photo. I don’t care about your politics, but do care about safety. I looked at your background and you don’t seem like a Trump mini-me, so I don’t understand your lack of concern for others. Since over half of the population in NC is over the age of 45, one would think you would want to protect your citizens. Please go climb a mountain and stay there. I have always thought that mountain climbers were almost uniformly all narcissistic and you have not caused me to rethink my perception. Lord, I hope this is your last term. You have jumped the shark.

Susan Collins
Vacaville CA
7075140650
Hello,
Here are my comments for tonight's council meeting.

To the City Council of Nevada City,

I write this letter in response to Mayor Senum's comments about wearing face masks in our community.

We find ourselves living in a time, if ever one existed, where the common purpose of community and government is paramount to us. Our problems are severe and we need good leadership to solve them. Mayor Senum's comments about mask wearing are creating completely unnecessary divisions in our community and a lot of anxiety about visiting Nevada City. People don't want to come here because she portrays our town as unsafe, and worse, uninterested in helping protect other people. Her position is selfish, uninformed and detrimental to the economy and welfare of our town.

Our economic and health outcomes depend on us finding a way to open our economy safely. This means welcoming visitors who provide a huge economic stimulus. It's hard to do that when the mayor screams that we don't care enough about people to wear a mask...or indeed that we care so little that we will actively lobby against this basic public health tool. That position is absurd.

Masks help slow the distribution of aerosol droplets, so they are a tool designed solely to protect and help other people. Yet, somehow, the wearing of masks has turned political—a fight between government regulation and individual freedom. Mayor Senum has taken this political position to the extreme, alienating, in a very public way, our community from the rest of the state. Our visitors and residents are looking for a thoughtful business operating strategy that helps people feel safe in being here. If they don't find that strategy here, they will go somewhere else. The mayor has portrayed our town as uniformed, confrontational and downright ignorant. She may have a personal crusade against the Governor and his orders, but those of us that rely on tourism for our businesses and jobs will bear the consequences of her selfishness. Why on Earth do we accept this kind of behavior from our mayor? I would think the economic prosperity of our town is important.

To make matters worse, the argument over masks is completely unnecessary. Masks were never about government overreach or individual freedom. They are about recognizing the small, personal actions that you can take to achieve the common purpose we need to overcome the challenges we face.

The governor's order is not about restricting your freedoms; it's about demanding, and rightly so, that as a citizen of this state, as a compassionate, thoughtful neighbor, your rights to freedom come with responsibilities to other people. We do not exist in a vacuum of individual entitlement. We exist in a society that has been, and will always be, stronger when our actions combine to achieve a cohesive, common goal. Instead, the mayor's comments say the exact opposite—that Nevada City doesn't care about people who visit or live here, or about helping our state get past Coronavirus.

Our focus must be the collective. What can you/we do for your fellow citizens? What small action can you take to help our community get through this time? You can wear a mask, you can shop locally, you can be sympathetic to the underprivileged and listen to the heartache and challenges that manifest in a million different ways for different people. In short, you can be compassionate and caring about your fellow residents. You can acknowledge that wearing a mask, although a minor inconvenience to you,
might just keep someone else from getting sick. I don’t know why that should be a political issue for our community. It is ridiculous that the mayor, in her selfish quest, has made it one.

For us, whether Nevada City decides to enforce the wearing of masks is irrelevant. We owe it to our employees, to our customers and to our community to do whatever we can to help them. If it means wearing a mask at SPD, I’ll have one handy. If it means closing my business for 3 months, we did it. If it means writing a letter to say “hey, don’t lose focus on the goal. It’s not about the mask”, well here it is. Some of these things, like wearing masks, are easy. Some, like closing all of our businesses for several months, are brutally difficult. But, they can and must be done.

Our town is already teetering on the edge of economic ruin. When we finally have a chance to open up and welcome people again, the first action the mayor takes is to scream to the world that we’re going to do it irresponsibly and unsafely. I can’t think of a worse way to restart our economy than branding our town as a bastion for uniformed and ignorant policy making. I hope you will all consider that the vitality and future of our community is not tied up in fighting over perceived petty slights to our freedoms, but in the mutual obligation we have to come together with a unified resolve to persevere through this. What greater freedom is there than building a society where we all thrive? We can do it, and we must do it. To get there, we need better leadership from our mayor. She is clearly not up to the task and I think she should resign.

Regards,

Dan Thiem, co-owner (with my wife Erin) of Outside Inn and Inn Town Campground in Nevada City.
Dear Catrina,

It has been a 5 days since our mayor, Reinette Senum, came forth with her personal statement on Facebook attacking our governors order for mandated mask to be worn by all while assisting in the uprising of Covid-19 cases within our state. Though it is her personal opinion and Facebook account, Reinette routinely uses her account to publicize civic events and official press releases for the city, it’s citizen and the populous of the Sierra foothills. How this action served her and especially Nevada City’s citizens or our struggling economy, is beyond me and it was very wrong. Unfortunately over the years, she has made a habit of pitting people agains one another as she dons her tinfoil hat and her conspiracy theories. As a citizen, I have backed Reinette on many issues, but there are many which I have not. Her recent Facebook statement is for me, the final blow. Reinette’s ideology is dangerous. Her personal actions are reckless and irresponsible.

While Reinette continues to stir up the dust and become our local mask naysayer, there is a high percentage of people and citizens who have called our major a social disgrace for disrespecting her community, abducting her civic duty and putting our town at risk. During this pandemic I was so proud of our community in the way that we all came forth to help one another with a major shift in behavioral norms and long-standing habits. The mask mandate offers us all personal safety and it should not be looked upon as an infringement to our civil liberties. In practice, it gives us our freedom and it saves lives. It’s just the smart thing to do.

As of today, our county has had 92 Covid-19 cases, but I fear the numbers will increase by tonight. Our county was very lucky as we remained at a steady at 29 cases throughout May and with only 12 cases reported in western Nevada County. It now has 27 cases. This trend is similar to June spikes throughout the region and has been on the uprise since Memorial Day as people just generally wish to get back to normal. There is no normal and the county has advocated for the public to continue social distancing, washing their hands, wearing mask and to patronize local businesses that have taken appropriate measures to decrease risk of infection. We’re all really trying to work together on this, not against proactive measures.

As people become more cavalier and arrogant in their attitude, they seemingly have also become dismissive about Covid-19 in an unbelievable fashion, especially the young “hippy-types” and growers that now flock to Nevada City. None of us like wearing these mask, but we must in order to do our best while protecting ourselves and others. It has also been proven and concluded that airborne transmission is the primary way the virus is spread and that mask are the most effective way of stopping it. For some it has come down to a question of whether the Governor’s Executive Order has legal standing. To me, this should not be the issue as evidence has proven around the world that that mask DO work and the pandemic has been brought under control in places where mask are mandatory. We can do it here in Nevada City too, but only if we all work together. We can not afford to be divided by our mayors irresponsible voice as it is harmful to us as citizens, to our struggling economy, to myself, to my son, to all of us or anyone who dares to visit. This makes me and others very hesitant to come back into downtown Nevada City and it’s a huge risk for my son who works at Sopa Thai as they plan to open their doors to the public this week after diligently preparing and following all guidelines.

Protecting the health and safety of Nevada City during this pandemic is a top priority. It is in Reinette’s best interest and her civic duty not only as the mayor, but jointly as a private citizen to encourage all citizens to follow the rules, operate responsibly, and thereby protect the welfare of Nevada City in spite of Covid-19. The states mandated requirement to wear a mask when in public and all the other protocols are in place so that the Nevada City economy can function without a significant increase in Covid-19 cases. Therefore as a citizen who sadly voted for Reinette during this last election, I am asking for a recall as to her placement on our Nevada City Council. We do not need
people like her who act before they think.

Thank you for all of your hard work.

Sincerely,

Gail Damskey
310 Nile Street
Nevada City CA
Form Name:
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Name
Dana

Email Address
Dvangorder510@gmail.com

Street Address

Phone Number

Area of Concern
Other

Location of Concern

Brief Description of the Issue
I used to enjoy visiting your city. But your Mayor is irresponsible and inflammatory And I won’t spend money there again

Response Requested
None

Sent from IP Address: 2600:1:9a24:3834:dc4:6362:93ef:c280
Form Name: Report a Concern

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Name: Colleen DeMarco

Email Address: Blackcatcottage@yahoo.com

Street Address: 139 Windy Ghoul Drive

Phone Number: 724-888-4082

Area of Concern: Other

Location of Concern: Mayoral Office

Brief Description of the Issue: As a Registered Nurse I am concerned that your city is lead by a man so ignorant that he publicly endangers your residents and others. Pitiful.

Response Requested: None

Sent from IP Address: 2600:1:9184:3a13:d19d:8a79:5bbe:ff7e
The Nevada City Mayor is disobeying face masking mandate saying it is ok to not wear masks. This person is dangerous to the spread of the Covid-19 virus that had it's biggest increase in new cases in the U.S. yesterday. This Mayor needs to be removed from office due to negligence.

I will not be stopping to buy anything in Nevada City.
Dear Members of the Nevada City Council:

Although I do not live within the Nevada City City limits, my husband and I have had a Nevada City address since 1972. My mother and her mother were born here, my grandmother having lived here her entire life. My roots are deep in three centuries, and I consider Nevada City my home town. I am flabbergasted and mortified to read that the mayor of this City has used her position to encourage people not to wear masks during the Covid-19 epidemic. She is obviously more enamored in garnering sensational headlines for herself than in safekeeping the health of the citizens of the city she is sworn to protect.

We are all in this unprecedented situation together. The wearing of masks is the best defense we currently possess to stifle the spread of Covid-19 and quell the pandemic. Countries that mandate the wearing of masks have much lower rates of infection. By encouraging scofflaws she not only damages the town’s economy and reputation but she may also be responsible for spread of illness to and quite possibly deaths of residents and visitors alike. We have given this a great deal of thought. We shall not shop or do business in Nevada City unless her statements are repudiated publicly. My husband Richard F. Ellers and I believe she should be removed from the City Council immediately.

Very truly yours,

Marcie Ellers

P.S. I understand Ms. Senum, like ourselves, does not actually live within the city limits.

Marcie Ellers
marcie@richardellers.com
For public comment

Erin Minett Vice Mayor City of Nevada City
530 478 1816
erin4nevadacity@gmail.com

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Elliot <sandbelliot@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 22, 2020, 5:08 PM
Subject: Mayor
To: <erin4nevadacity@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Minnett,

It has been brought to our attention that our tsarina, the mayor, has gone on record that she doesn't think masks are necessary for people to wear as they go around Nevada City. We think that such a statement is highly misguided and flies in the face of not only local medical experts, but experts in the state and country. We believe such advice puts us citizens at greater risk. Already there has been a bump up in the number of cases of the virus since our restaurants and other businesses have been allowed to open. I believe it has been definitely shown that such a simple thing as wearing a mask can reduce the possibility of contracting the disease when used with other modalities such as distancing, hand sanitization and common sense. Please make it clear to Ms. Senum that we emphatically do not agree with her recommendation. Thank you.

William A. Elliot, MD
Shirley-Mae L. Elliot
I have so many more to send but I'm just sending the ones that are coming in in the last few minutes

Erin Minett Vice Mayor City of Nevada City
530 478 1816
erin4nevadacity@gmail.com

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: Laura Ericson <lericson805@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jun 21, 2020, 6:36 PM
Subject: We need to wear face masks
To: <reinettesenum@gmail.com>, <erin4nevadacity@gmail.com>

Dear Reinette and Erin,
I 100% support the requirement for wearing face masks when recommended. I don’t think our police need to enforce, but wearing masks will slow the Covid infections. Our Nevada City small businesses need tourist business! If customers do not feel safe in Nevada City, they will go elsewhere. I am disheartened that Nevada City is in the news today in such a negative light.

Best regards,
Laura Ericson
Nevada City

Sent from my iPad
My name is Jordan Fisher Smith. I'm a resident and taxpayer in Nevada City for 34 years.

With the decline of major news organizations as the way we get our news, everyone gets their own internet echo chamber to confirm their beliefs. The new information ecosystem requires that we have a filter. One person with no filter is Nevada City’s mayor, who has campaigned against vapor trails left by airliners as evidence of a secret plan to control the atmosphere; repeated on the radio the gun-nut rumor that the timing of internet posts demonstrate that the Sandy Hook school shootings were a fake staffed with crisis actors; and whipped up an effort to legislate cellular phone equipment out of town under the belief that cellphones make people sick, or cause of COVID-19. She recently told followers that the City will run out of wastewater treatment chemicals due to COVID-19, and advised them to be prepared to defecate in their yards and acquire some lye. Lye is a caustic chemical with a long history of killing children in accidental poisonings. She confused it with agricultural lime, a harmless substance used in outhouses. In a city where the actual business of governing is about rusty pipes and boring budgets, our mayor keeps us stirred up and polarized with paranoid effusions, which cost the taxpayers almost $60,000 in legal fees in the cellphone imbroglio alone.

Out of deference to my family I have been silent for a long time, but I was embarrassed by recent stories in major newspapers of Nevada City’s alignment with Donald Trump in opposition to masks to prevent the spread of coronavirus. In happier times a high school graduate who knows better than the world’s top public health experts would be a mere chuckle. Right now, lives are at stake, as is the wellbeing of the grocers and business owners who need our support when they have to ask people to comply with public health regulations.

I ask the City Council to base its actions on the best available science, well-sourced information, and law. Do the boring stuff. Enough with obnoxious internet fantasies.

Thank you.

Jordan Fisher Smith

Jordan Fisher Smith
P.O. Box 1069
Nevada City, CA 95959 USA
Dear Nevada City Council Members:

I support mask wearing during this time. I am sorry you are having to deal w/ a person who obviously does not believe in science who is a member of the Nevada City Council. I am speaking of Reinette Seinum. I do not live within Nevada City's city limits, but have a Nevada City mailing address and feel that your council represents our community. As such, I urge you to continue to support the governor's guidelines, which are based on his scientists' and medical professionals' advice and to speak out openly against Reinette's ignorance.

The fact that she is bringing in a fascist spokesperson and his ideas and supporters is outrageous and does not represent a majority view in our community. She has done some good work in the past but seems to have gone astray. Please stand firm for our local community health.

Thank you.

Carol Gicker

14290 Lily Creek Trail

Nevada City, CA 95959
Dear City Council Members,

I would like to include the following comments on this evening's council meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

I am greatly disturbed that Mayor Reinette Senum chooses to politicize public health concerns by her comments on Facebook regarding Governor Newsom's mandate for face coverings. As a local Nevada City business owner and mom with kids attending Seven Hills School, I would love for things to return to normal as much as anyone else, but the reality is that we are not out of this public health crisis nor are we immune from it in our community. This is the time for our local leadership to stand with public health officials from around our county, around our state, around our country, and around the globe and support the wearing of masks for the safety of all in our community.

Becky Gillespie - 10607 Banner Mine Way, Nevada City

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. A Resolution Approving a Site Plan and Architectural Review Application for Development of the 56-Unit Affordable Housing Project at 170 Ridge Road

Affordable housing is a top concern in our community. In order to have a community with a healthy economy, we need more affordable housing in order to keep workers and their families in our community. I urge you to approve the site plan and architectural review application for this project so we can move forward with this much needed housing in Nevada City.

Becky Gillespie - 10607 Banner Mine Way, Nevada City

B. Commitment of Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Capital Funds Loan for Cashin's Field Affordable Housing Project

We need to move forward with affordable housing options in our community. I urge you to approve and authorize the PLHA funds for the Cashin's Field Affordable Housing Project.

Becky Gillespie - 10607 Banner Mine Way, Nevada City

All the best,
Becky Gillespie, CTC
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Council Members:

I was shocked and saddened to learn that our city council member and mayor has encouraged people to ignore Governor Newsom's mandatory mask order. Liberty and freedom in our democracy are not hollow words. They involve taking responsibility for ourselves and others. Wearing masks is a small price to pay for saving lives. Demagogues come in all stripes; they exist on the far right and the far left. We've had enough of this ever since the 2016 presidential election. Now is the time for us to take responsibility to protect ourselves and others, not to endanger our fellow citizens by listening to the demagogues and not the scientists. The city council should take steps to either pass a mandatory mask ordinance or show strong support for the governor's order.

Patricia Hamilton
Nevada City Citizen

Sent from my iPad
Amy Harper <amybanks1115@gmail.com>  
To: NEVADACITY.OLSON@gmail.com  
Cc: Erin Ruark-Minett <erin4nevadacity@gmail.com>  

Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 11:03 AM

Minor adjustments - please use this version, if possible. Thank you for your consideration!

Mayor Senum,
I’m a Nevada City resident, active community member, local business owner and a voter. Your recent comments suggesting that local residents should ignore the face mask order is enraging, frustrating, disappointing and worst of all DANGEROUS for our community. Your consistent comments downplaying the virus are ignorant, dangerous and just plain wrong — according to actual medical professionals and public health officials, of which you are neither.

The risks of infection and death from covid19, especially for older and immunocompromised individuals, are real. Cases and hospitalizations are on the rise in California and in our community (if it was safe, this meeting would be held in person, no?). Wearing masks greatly reduces the risk of transmission, and is a very minor inconvenience. Your ignorant comments that people should not wear masks because there is "no law" encourages people not to wear them, and gives them cover for not doing so. The legality of masks should not be the focus. As a public servant and local leader, you should be working to protect your community by ENCOURAGING people to wear masks.

My family has an immunocompromised individual in our household. Contracting covid could be fatal. Our entire family is taking extreme precautions, and YOUR comments have now made us LESS SAFE every time we leave our home for essential items. And it creates divisiveness in our community. I already witnessed staff at a local retailer being berated by customers for enforcing mask policy.

The last point I'd like to make is that Nevada City, along with most other communities across this country, have agreed to ban smoking in public places - from restaurants, to parks, even the streets downtown are a "smoke free zone." We have done so to protect public health -- asking people to make compromises for the health of our larger community, for the greater good. That is what a community IS and what a good community DOES. This is no different -- asking citizens to temporarily wear masks in public to prevent the spread of a deadly virus. Your comments show you have no concept of community.

**Truly, you’ve embarrassed our community, and you have made us less safe and created divisiveness here in our lovely town.**

I hope you rethink your stance and issue an apology.

Amy Harper
Nevada City

[Quoted text hidden]
Council Members:
The sitting mayor is out of control once again and has put our City in the headlines across the Country in a most negative light. It is outrageous that she is telling people there is no consequence if they ignore the Governor’s mandate to wear a mask when in public. She needs to go for it seems she has learned nothing from her past indiscretions. This time her rantings are dangerous. There is another message that is circulating on Facebook, besides hers, it states, “You were never told to surrender your civil liberties. You were asked to help each other stay healthy and survive.” That is what I hope our community takes to heart. How utterly irresponsible of Reinette Senum to disregard public health and to use the pulpit at her disposal to do it.
Linda Hartman
Nevada City resident
Sent from my iPad
Nuisance! "BRAVO" goes out to Reinette! In addition, I cannot understand why all of you Council Members, as well as Sheriff Moon, have been complete "NO SHOWS" when myself, Free Nevada County Gro

Response Requested Email

Sent from IP Address: 98.239.125.58
From: Valerie Moberg
To: Catrina Olson
Subject: Fwd: Wearing Masks in Nevada City
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:34:14 PM

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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Greg Jones <gjones@pacstandard.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 23, 2020, 9:24 AM
Subject: Re: Wearing Masks in Nevada City
To: <reinettesenum@gmail.com>, <czechgirl63@gmail.com>, <davidsparkyparker569@gmail.com>, <erin4nevadacity@gmail.com>, <duanestrawser@gmail.com>

All,

Let me first start off by saying I’m not a Newsom fan and I did not vote for him. I think he has done an exceptional job, and regarding COVID-19 he is following the scientific recommendations to keep people safe.

This is the reason I will not patronize any businesses in Nevada City, instead I will take my business to Truckee instead until the pandemic is over or until they come up with a safe vaccine.

In the States that opened up without encouraging / mandating masks the cases are going through the roof.


Greg Jones | President

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To whom it may concern,

I just wanted to reach out to voice my concerns about Reinette Senum's dangerous comments. I'm sure you have been receiving a ton of calls and emails but I feel I need to speak out and tell you how worried I am about what she is saying and her defiance and disregard for public safety.

As someone who lives and works in Nevada City I feel she is putting me and so many others at risk and in harms way. I feel as a public official she should be held accountable for what she says and posts and her opinions that go against scientific fact, especially regarding masks and COVID-19.

Her words and opinions are dangerous and a direct threat to the health and well being of the members of our community.

Carson Knibb
Nevada City resident and downtown business worker.
June 26, 2020

Nevada City Council
317 Broad Street
Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Nevada City Council,

I am writing to express my concern and dismay about recent comments by Mayor Reinette Senum concerning the wearing of face coverings in public. I am also a bit shocked that the City of Nevada City has apparently not come out emphatically supporting this mandatory action in our fight together to limit COVID-19 infections.

Wearing a mask or face covering should not be a political or ideological statement. It is a cheap and fairly effective way to stop the spread of a virus that none of us has experienced before. The medical research is reinforcing this assertion. As a professional research scientist, I feel we must use scientific research and medical knowledge to guide our public response to this pandemic.

My husband and I are both at higher risk for complications if we catch the virus, so OK, I am biased. However, I am concerned about our hospital workers, front-line first responders and other people who are continuously at risk for contracting the virus. I am also frankly concerned for our local business owners. How can we support them with our careful opening up if they become more at risk for getting sick? How can we continue to open up if our businesses have to close when employees become sick?

Since early March, I have been mostly sheltering in place but also doing my best to order take-out food, shopping locally curb-side and contributing to our community’s financial health. If a business opens but does not follow mandated or even recommended protocols, I will not do business with them. I cannot afford the risk.

We need strong leadership now to guide all of us through this unprecedented time, so that our community emerges safely – healthy both in the physical and economic sense. I urge you to provide that leadership by sending a strong message that masks are mandatory in Nevada City in the public situations outlined by the State of California.

We are in this together and we have to take care of each other.

Best regards,

Ingrid L. Knox
17560 Champion Mine Rd
Nevada City, CA  95959
530-265-6461
I read today the mayor of Nevada City advising citizens not to wear face masks & insisting Governor Newsom’s executive order to wear them is unenforceable. This comment from the mayor of Nevada City should be considered criminal. I visit the area frequently & often stay in Nevada City, shop there, go to the restaurants. That ends NOW & will advise all i know to avoid Nevada City; instead stay in Grass Valley or other close by location,s, but avoid the trumpublican enclave of Nevada City.
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Name           Linda Lind

Email Address   Llind42@gmail.com

Street Address  128 Nevada Street

Phone Number    5302632455

Area of Concern Other

Location of Concern Reinette Senum, Council member

Brief Description of the Issue I am embarrassed that a Nevada City council member is placing public safety secondary to her ill informed and illogically based opinion. Part of her responsibilities as mayor are to uphold public safety, help the local economy, and monitor city growth and infrastructure. Please remove her as soon as possible! She is an embarrassment. My family and friends from afar have also called me about her comments. Let's do the right thing for Nevada City and recall her! L.Lind

Response Requested Email

Sent from IP Address: 2601:206:8000:99f0:58cb:20aa:4771:6957
My husband and I were absolutely horrified to see that a representative of our City Council would allow a member to use her position to encourage people to not wear mask during the Covid-19 epidemic in MY CITY. We were absolutely mortified to see it went nation wide as a sensational headline. Reinette may choose to wear a mask or not, but to encourage our town to not wear masks inspite of the Govern's mandate is irresponsible and a danger to our town’s economy and the health of the residents in this city. I would encourage a public rebuttal from the City Council and an encouragement from the City Council to wear masks. Many people will/may choose to not do business in our town until a rebuttal is issued.

Jim and Debbie Luckinbill
Hello,

I am writing as a concerned citizen. It has been brought to my attention that the Mayor of Nevada City Reinette Senum has been spreading information that our residents should not follow the Governor's mandate to wear face coverings in public. With a rise in covid-19 cases I am concerned for the safety of our county. The governor should be informed if Nevada City isn't complying with this mandate. Here is the link to her public post.

https://www.facebook.com/reinettesenum/posts/10220583511312175?hc_location=ufi

Is there any action you can take to keep her from putting our citizens in harm's way?

Thank you,
Isadora Golds Schneider
Form Name: Report a Concern

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Name: Teri Martin

Email Address: Te2riilm@yahoo.com

Street Address

Phone Number

Area of Concern: Other

Location of Concern: Safety of others in your city.

Brief Description of the Issue: Please inform Mayor Senum that wearing a mask is “NOT” about ones rights but more importantly about protecting your fellow neighbors/human beings from a virus that kills people. It is a small and decent act of kindness. I will not come to Nevada City which I love until she is no longer mayor as she is selfishly politicizing the killing people. As an ICU nurse I know what I’m talking about. Putting a breathing tube down someone’s throat and watching them die is devastating.

Teri Martin

Response Requested: None
Sydney McDowell <sydneyjamesmcdowell@gmail.com>

Dear Councilmembers,

I was shock, saddened, and frankly, embarrassed on Sunday morning when I read an article featuring my hometown on SFGate. The mayor's comments citing her opinion on the use of masks within the community are extremely disappointing and even harmful to the health, safety, and economy in Nevada City.

A mayor's role is to build a maintain and thriving community. With her extreme and baseless comments, Ms. Senum is not only creating divisiveness in the community, but risking the physical and economic health of the residents. She was not elected to be a health expert and, as far as I am aware, has no background in public health. She should not be abusing her role and title as mayor to push her opinion about what is best for the health and well-being of the residents of Nevada City.

I grew up in Nevada County and have always been so proud of my hometown. Friends have begun to move back to the area in recent years to raise families and give back to the community we all hold so dear. These friends include physicians, clergy, teachers, health and fitness professionals, shop owners, and local innkeepers. I support all of their efforts to reopen in a safe manner, following the guidelines of public health officials. They have suffered economically while trying to abide by sound recommendations. Ironically, they may now suffer further economic hardship due to the recent bad press about Nevada City brought by the person who is supposed to be acting as a leader.

Unfortunately, these comments have reached far and wide. I pray that the consequences of these statements won't have continued negative effects on local businesses, but only time will tell. Nevada City residents deserve better.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sydney James McDowell
This is not an easy public comment to submit because I consider Reinette Senum a personal friend. However, her decision to irresponsibly challenge Governor Gavin Newsom's mandate to wear masks came as not only a shock, but also as a huge disappointment. Yes, she has a right to her opinion, but knowing the influence she has among her followers, she has done them a serious disservice. At a time when divisiveness is rampant, promoting what amounts to a conspiracy theory in the face of actual scientific fact can have life threatening consequences on the residents of Nevada County.

Reinette clearly did not learn from the December debacle that words matter and coming from the Mayor, we all pay a price. The resulting publicity is like an invitation for people to come visit our special town and leave their masks at home, not to mention that it does not reflect the majority opinion of her constituents. Our focus has been following the CDC recommendations re social distancing and wearing masks in order to stay healthy and help our economy recover. Our covid 19 cases are increasing...the last thing we need is a surge in masking deniers.

I believe that it's too late for another slap on the hand. I hope she will apologize. And then, because she has failed in her duty to not abuse her position, resign from the city council. We have far more important issues to deal with than a rogue councillor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Meek
526 Nevada Street
Nevada City, CA 95959
Greetings,

I did not see a way to e-mail your Mayor on the city website. I just read of her disapproval of Governor Newsom’s mandated mask policy which she considers invalid. In the absence of a national policy early on to get a handle on this virus in all 50 states, please ask her to forgive the Governor for trying to save some lives. If we had all shut down back in February for a brief period, we would have all been back to work by now with minimal damage to the economy and few lives lost. We now know that distancing and masks save lives. We do not have the right to infect others with a disease that many don’t even know they have. I get that some people just don’t care. The virus is running rampant in our state right now, in case the Mayor has not been paying attention. This is serious and leaders need to take it seriously and lead by example. Could you please forward this message to your Mayor?

Thank You

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
To the Nevada City City Manager and the City Council,

I want to voice my outrage and dismay at Reinette Senum’s recent posting regarding mask wearing during the Coronavirus pandemic.

I am shell shocked that she would be so irresponsible to her constituents, of which I am one. Many of us in my age group of over 70 want to be with our grandchildren and her recklessness could very well prolong the time that it will take until I and many others can comfortably be with our little ones.

That is just one example of how her actions can personally effect each and every one of us.

I believe she needs be retired from the city council.

Thank you

Martha Meredith
426 Jordan Street
Nevada City
95959

Sent from my iPad
Last week, Mayor Reinette Senum posted a public notice to her personal facebook page instructing local residents of Nevada County that they are not required to wear masks inside businesses or at all within the state of California. She called into question the governor’s legitimate right to mandate mask wearing and made it clear that our local law enforcement agencies would not be supporting businesses who are requesting that masks be worn. The fallout from this cannot be understated. Between the local, regional, state, and national press that her careless post generated and the attention that her original post garnered on social media, the results have been serious and her actions need to be taken seriously by the other members of Nevada City Council.

In November, there was an attempt to censure Reinette because of her lack of discretion and dangerous misrepresentation of the city to a wider audience. At the time, she apologized and said that she would be more careful in the future. We are all very frustrated to be dealing with this lack of careful representation a mere 6 months after her apology. There are several ethics violations that she has committed in her time in office and now, as she is about to start another 4 year term, we are facing the fall-out from yet another public misstep. I would like to know how often City Council takes part in the state mandated ethics course and when the last time Reinette took the course and if she passed the course?

The list of offensive conspiracy theories that Reinette touts on social media is astounding and an embarrassment to our city. To have someone who promotes that 5G caused Covid, that George Floyd’s death was a false flag and that Covid is a government conspiracy, all while our community is struggling with economic collapse, the need to protect our small hospital from being inundated with Covid patients, the need to protect our elderly, disabled, and otherwise vulnerable populations, and the changing nature of the response to this new disease, is not just offensive, it’s dangerous. Reinette has moved from being the local kooky neighbor who believes all of the conspiracy theories she finds on the internet to being the ring leader of an anti-government, anti-science fringe that is growing under her leadership. Her Facebook account may be her personal account but it serves as a hub for conspiracy nonsense. She is no longer just offensive, she has become a danger to our community.

This is why it is important for City Council to revisit censuring Reinette. The way to tell if someone is truly sorry for their behavior is not to listen to them say they are sorry, but to watch their actions. Reinette has not changed any of the actions that have caused harm in her community in the past and, without censure, her past history tells us that she will not change her behavior in the future. It is City Council’s responsibility to censure Reinette at this time. Our only other recourse is to recall her.
In addition, the city and county need to come together to make a public statement supporting the mask recommendations laid out by the state. Our local businesses need the public support of our local government. In the last week our county has been divided. There are lists of stores that are “mask-free” and stores where masks are required. Residents and tourists alike do not feel safe shopping locally. Stores that require masks are being harassed. Employees and store owners are being threatened. Without the strong support of our local government, this will continue to escalate and cause further division in our community. It is unfortunate that Reinette caused this, but it is important that the rest of our local government come together to reinforce the need for masks. This is the only way forward for our economy. It is the only way forward for our divided community. Allowing this “mask-free” attitude to run amok in our community is dangerous and requires your action today.

Thank you,

Kim Musillani 116 Cottage Street, Nevada City
Krystelle Alvarado 118 Cottage Street, Nevada City
Teddy Holt 118 Cottage Street, Nevada City
Helen Boss 111 Cottage Street, Nevada City

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Kim Musillani
C 530.388.0949

Kim Musillani <kmusillani@gmail.com>
To: nevadacity.olson@gmail.com

Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 3:44 PM

Please add these signatures to my comment:

Renee Wiggs 115 Cottage Street, Nevada City
Charlene McNamara 107 Prospect Street, Nevada City
Kieran Smith 107 Prospect Street, Nevada City
Bren Smith 107 Prospect Street, Nevada City
Jeff Coffin 408 Redbud Way, Nevada City
Julie Coffin 408 Redbud Way, Nevada City
Suzanna Coffin 408 Redbud Way, Nevada City
Elizabeth Campbell 541 E. Broad Street, Nevada City
I am extremely unhappy about the mayor’s statement suggesting that governor Newsom’s executive order can be ignored. I believe it to be careless and irresponsible and dangerous.

It is one thing for people to get sick and suffer the consequences personally. But choosing not to wear a mask denies others their right to be safe.

I do have a choice. I will be taking my business elsewhere. I am not alone too.

Very angry.

Daniel Chaplin
I'm horrified at the statement my NC mayor about not wearing masks. A public official going against the direction of the Health Department and Governor (the last 4 governors at that!!!) is inexcusable.

I will be staying away from all businesses in Nevada City until he rescinds.

Thank you, Nancy Morris, Grass Valley
Name
Dennis Westcot

Email
dwestcot@sbcglobal.net

Phone
(530) 470-9296

Subject
General Information

Message
Based on the mayor's recent declaration on wearing a face covering in 'PUBLIC PLACES' (That is what the governor's statement said!); I no longer feel comfortable shopping in Nevada City as I do not want to be exposed to asymptomatic individuals. I hope this changes in the future.
Name
Dorian Kittrell

Email
woofer439@gmail.com

Phone
(415) 608-4641

Subject
General Information

Message
I am so sad to say that myself and my family will no longer visit, dine or shop in beautiful nevada city. Your Mayor is the reason. She puts everyone at risk with her dangerous public messages encouraging people not to wear masks.
Name
Kim Sturla

Email
Kim@animalplace.org

Phone
(530) 205-0175

Subject
Membership

Message
I am greatly disturbed by the mayor of Nevada City stating masks are not required. The Sacramento Bee and Los Angeles Times Even reported on this. I would like to know what the Chamber intends to do to address this dangerous position from the Mayor.

I will give you a call when your office opens to discuss. Thank you
Name
Barry Padilla

Email
barettrace@sbcglobal.net

Subject
General Information

Message
Because of the absolute lack of concern for the well being of residents and visitors of Nevada City demonstrated by Major Reinette Senum and the Nevada City Police Department (Major lashes out at Newsom's mask order, Sacramento Bee, Monday, June 22, 2020) neither my family nor I will be visiting your city in the near or distant future. Rather, we will enjoy other destinations that promote safe and welcoming environments over profits and politics.
Name
  Rob Meyer

Email
  Robymeyer@gmail.com

Subject
  Bike Race

Message
  Normally I'd try to make it up to watch your bike race, but things are weird this year. Speaking of weird I was reading about your mayor in the news. What a thoughtless, callous person. She reflects poorly on your otherwise charming city. I hope she's voted out before I visit again.
Name

Elenita Dueo

Email

elecardue@gmail.com

Subject

General Information

Message

Just read in the SF Gate that the Mayor is advising it's citizens to not follow Governor Newsome's Mask recommendation. This is very irresponsible of her. He has mandated this to help us once and for all to get rid of the virus.

My family will be boycotting NC and I'll be telling all my friends to do the same. Unbelievable how irresponsible the Mayor is.
Name
   Howard Kwasniewski

Email
   harturokwag@gmail.com

Phone
   (925) 285-8471

Subject
   General Information

Message
   Since the Mayor said we do not have to listen to the Governor mandate about wearing a mask. My family and friends will no longer be visiting your town until after the virus is gone.
Name

   Eric

Email

   Intense3@comcast.net

Subject

   General Information

Message

   To whom’s wallet it may concern,
   My family and I frequent the gold country throughout the year. Since it appears your mayor could not care
   less about your health, my health and my family’s health we will avoid your city thereby avoiding all of your
   businesses as long as he is your mayor.
   This virus is real and thousands upon thousands are suffering and dying. Good luck with you and your
   families health. Look into updating your estates and wills.
   Eric
From: info@nevadacitychamber.com
Subject: New submission from Info Request Form
Date: June 21, 2020 at 1:45 PM
To: info@nevadacitychamber.com

Name
Brendan Seigal

Email
Bdseigal@yahoo.com

Phone
(916) 947-8269

Subject
General Information

Message
Dear Chamber,
Two days ago I had the chance to mountain bike your trails and patronize a market and deli. Great town, great people. Kinda disheartened to read the below article from your mayor who seems disinterested in protecting his "flock" with the careless statements he made about COVID19. As a health care professional who has generational ties to NV city and has contemplated moving here soon, is hope the mayor recinds his thick statements and considers taking the safe route recommends by the CDC and WHO.

Thank you kindly,
Brendan S.

Name
Stacy

Email
Stacy@bluestembrasserie.com

Subject
Press Release

Message
Not sure if anyone reads these emails, but am compelled to share with your community that my husband and I are planning a road trip, since air travel isn’t in the cards for us this summer, and had planned to include your city in our trip. However, after reading your mayor’s thoughtless response to wearing masks we will be avoiding your area entirely. It’s such a shame for your leadership to lack any moral compass in telling people to only be concerned for their individual interest. While we love the Nevada City area and looked forward to helping bring some much needed visitor dollars to the area, we are not willing to risk our own health given that your leadership has signaled our health doesn’t matter.
Name

GLENN W BENSON

Email

gwbenson@comcast.net

Phone

(916) 988-9106

Subject

General Information

Message

I just saw what your mayor said about masks in the SF Chronicle today. I live in Fair Oaks and come up there quite a bit, however I will simply show you what I just posted on the paper's site:

I live with about 50 minutes of the place and like to go up there to shop and eat and walk Empire Mine State Park...so here is what her note will do...In no way will I go near her city with my tourist dollars as why should I get infected when I can go to Grass Valley, so take your town and shove it lady I'll take my business elsewhere.

Good luck!
I am hopeful this reaches you in time to be read at the City Council meeting tonight.

Below is a statement from the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce in support of our local businesses and mask wearing.

Let me know if you have any questions

Gretchen H Bond  
President  
Nevada City Chamber of Commerce  
530-277-8999

We support the Governor's decision providing strong, clear rules during this public health emergency. Chiefly, the face covering mandate will give businesses a basis for insisting on keeping their workers and their patrons safe. We understand that not all of our members may share this opinion and we respect that, but as civic leaders in our community we are committed to the health and safety of everyone - visitors, residents, and businesses. To date, the use of face coverings in addition to social distancing and hand washing, have been the prescribed measures given by the CDC as well as State and local health officials to slow the spread of COVID-19.

If wearing a mask gives business owners the confidence to open and operate their businesses to serve the community and provide for their and their staff's families, then it's worth it. If wearing a mask gives an employee peace of mind that they can go to work and go home to their family at the end of the day safely, then it's worth it. If wearing a mask encourages residents and visitors to shop locally at one of our many restaurants and shops knowing they are in a safe environment, then it's worth it. If wearing a mask helps lower the impact on our local hospitals and first responders, then it's worth it. If wearing a mask helps to bring us together over our shared love of community and home, then it's worth it.

We invite Nevada City Council members to join the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce in putting the community first and abide by the Governor's mandate of face coverings.
R. Senum has once again overstepped her position on the council to gain attention of the media. She does NOT represent homeowners in Nevada City. Her most current comment on use of face masks puts our community and our economy at risk. Look at our rapid rise in active cases with very poor testing in our county. Senum’s has implemented ideas and thoughts that have deteriorated our city. She has been rude and demeaning to others on the council in meetings. It IS time this woman is removed for breach of the code of conduct for your council. She is there to represent homeowners in the city and not to expound her personal thoughts.

Bill and Paula Newton
NC
Dear City Council of Nevada City,

I am writing you out of serious concern over confusing and conflicting information on the City’s stand on Covid19 and the Governor’s mask mandate.

First, during the Yubanet town hall, I was relieved to see the BOS and City official’s unanimous public support for the Governor’s mask mandate. Public health, especially in an area with so many seniors at risk, should never be politicized. Seeing a unified front made a strong statement to our community at large. So thank you for that.

However, this morning, I was shocked to see Mayor Senum contradict everything she said at the Town hall. In fact, she denounced the Governor’s mandate and encouraged her ‘followers’ to dismiss mask wearing entirely, and included a video that has been tagged as false information by Facebook.

Please help me understand who I am to believe? What is Nevada City planning to do to protect the health of its citizens? We strongly urge the Health Department and ABC to issue citations to businesses who are not in compliance and risking public health, like Calalily Crepes, who is openly flaunting their refusal to enforce the mandate.
Thank you in advance for your service and attention.

Stephanie Nix
12360 Big Blue Rd.
Nevada City, CA 95959
Mayor Senum’s recent social media comments on June 20, 2020 and the subsequent national coverage of those comments, I respectfully request that the following statement be read as a Public Comment before the City Council at its meeting June 24th.

Statement:

How do you define leadership as a Mayor? As a constituent I believe the role of any mayor is simply to represent what is best for our community, and to lead by example!

Mayor Senum’s politicizing the wearing of protective masks, which helps prevent the spread of COVID-19, is completely irresponsible as Mayor. The science is unanimous—if we all wear masks, we slow down the spread and can reopen our economy safely. To put Mayor Senum’s actions in perspective, last week we had 20 new COVID 19 cases in Nevada County. Depending on how you measure populations, that is equal to urban Sacramento having between 290 and 450 new cases in one week! Mayor Senum’s recent actions would essentially be the same as presenting a message to everyone in Sacramento that as your mayor I want you to know you are not required to wear a COVID-19 mask! Can you imagine if the Mayor of Sacramento did that?

Shouldn’t the Mayor of Nevada City be more concerned about the health of her constituents rather than politicizing the legality of people being required to wear a mask. Masks that will help protect family, friends, all residents and guests of Nevada City from COVID 19. Since guests = tourists = revenue, isn’t one of the most important responsibilities of a Mayor of any city, to protect not only our health and safety, but the local economy as well? I wonder what the impact will be on our local economy by presenting our community as not being safe for tourists.

How do you help prevent broadcasting COVID 19? By wearing a mask, practicing social distancing and leading by example. Encouraging the same for Nevada City would be the right and responsible thing for the Mayor to do.

FYI - Having worked for the US State Department as a scientist, we were told that everything we say and do 24/7, both personally and professionally, is a representation of the United States and can create an incident. We were warned, if we created an incident, we would be fired, no questions asked, zero tolerance. In my opinion the same policy and consequences are inherent in the position of Mayor in any city.

Please take my comments into consideration during your deliberations.

Thank You for listening.

Tim Ogburn
Dear Mayor Senum:

Your irresponsible comments minimizing the importance of wearing masks during this time of Covid-19 have just had a direct impact on your community’s businesses and residents.

Just last evening, I was researching places to travel with my family for 5 days of vacation in July. Nevada City was among the finalists, particularly because I have been there before and enjoyed it.

However, after reading an article about your Facebook comments denigrating the use of masks, I have crossed Nevada City off my list. I will not take my family to a place where I do not feel that the public officials are taking my health or the health of my family seriously and are not encouraging their community to take all precautions for visitors.

In this time of economic hardship, there are MANY destinations in California that are welcoming visitors and promoting their policies of mask wearing and social distancing. I will be taking my family and my money elsewhere.

Due to your irresponsible attitude, your community has just lost 5 nights of hotel stays, 12-15 restaurant visits, and many shopping dollars, just from my family alone. I expect that hundreds or thousands of potential visitors to Nevada City will have the same reaction as me.

Good luck to your community in surviving this pandemic, both financially and physically. Your public attitude denigrating easy, common sense, proven methods of minimizing the spread of the virus are harming your businesses and your residents.

Sincerely,

Katy Olds
Hi this is Peggy Wright from Treats business at 210 Main Street. We are very concerned about Reinette comments about mask wearing for the following reasons.
1. Her comments were picked up by newspapers in towns from the Bay Area, LA and has been reported to us from friends on the East Coast. Half of our business is tourism and this will impact our business already impacted by the pandemic
2. We are a community of older people at higher risk from the corona virus. We have many older customers who are afraid to go into public setting
3. At Treats we are trying to follow the the Governors requirement to require the wearing of face masks. We are requiring customers to wear masks and even have disposable masks available for or customers without charge all to protect our customers and employees.
How can we remove Reinette and try to repair the damage her comments have done to our community. The city will also suffer with loss of income from sales tax if our businesses are impacted by her very careless And unsanctioned public comments.
Form Name: Report a Concern

Form Text:
Please provide the information requested below to report a problem or concern to City Hall. If you would like to speak directly with a staff member, you may call City Hall at (530) 265-2496, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.-noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Please understand that this service is not to be used to report an emergency situation. **In the event of an emergency please dial 9-1-1.**

Name: Frank Patten

Email Address: maps.cetera.reno@gmail.com

Street Address: 1675 Keystone Ave, Reno NV 89503-2524

Phone Number: 7752876649

Area of Concern: Other

Location of Concern: Nevada City retail outlets

**Brief Description of the Issue:**
I have been supporting your local businesses while traveling to and from Sacramento to help my dying Father-in-Law. I may have dropped as much as $1000.00 into your local economy just this year. I have been wearing a mask on my visits since the end of March. Your mayor is a fool for fighting masks. I won’t be supporting your town or your businesses. There are no easy answers for the pandemic. But having a stupid mayor is no answer. Please ask your townspeople to stay out of the “other” Nevada. Keep your illnesses and your Mayor’s stupidity on your said of Truckee.

Response Requested: Email
I was really disappointed to read your city and mayor's stance on wearing masks or face coverings in public. My siblings and I usually rent an Airbnb cabin once a year in Nevada City because it's such a beautiful location and centrally located for all my siblings. However, I will not plan to ever go back to Nevada City now that I know this is a town that does not care about public health, and has a mayor that is obviously unprofessional and incompetent.

Sincerely,
Amy Perez
Citrus Heights, CA
To whom it may concern:

I would like to express comment for our community as a Nevada City resident and concerned citizen. We have spent months acting in unity as a community, a small town with livelihoods at stake though the greater concern is our community health. These measures seem certain to me to show we are helping our community and surrounding communities remain healthy.

Recent opening of businesses is necessary in a calculated manner. I have seen tourists and locals taking the state mandate and recommendation to wear masks in public seriously. However, public outcry and publicity from elected official(s) has created a detriment to our community. This leadership overshadows the acting concerned populous trying to keep our community safe.

I am hoping the city can elevate the message that we are united as a city and community to keep the public safe as a whole.

Jennifer Brooke Porter

530-955-1234 cell
Good Morning City Leaders,

Please read below a message that I received this morning regarding a booking at The Deer Creek Inn. They canceled their booking in part because of Renettes comments regarding masks. I don't need to tell how businesses are suffering in Nevada City. It is extremely upsetting to have our leaders making the problem worse.

So what do you all plan on doing to correct the damage done by Renette?

Regards,

Ruth Poulter

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Barbara Quinlan <barbaraanniequinlan@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 22, 2020, 4:05 PM
Subject: Nevada City Visit & Your Mayor's No Mask Policy
To: reinettesenum@gmail.com <reinettesenum@gmail.com>, erin4nevadacity@gmail.com <erin4nevadacity@gmail.com>, duanestrawser@gmail.com <duanestrawser@gmail.com>, czechgirl63@gmail.com <czechgirl63@gmail.com>, davidsparkyparker569@gmail.com <davidsparkyparker569@gmail.com>

I have been planning a route on my AAA CA map for a road trip from San Diego to Lake Tahoe, Gold Country and the Sierra Foothills for my daughter and her family later this summer. Until today it included a visit to Nevada City. But, due to the mayor's pronouncement that Governor Newsom is not a king and cannot demand CA citizens wear a mask during coronavirus, I have consulted with my daughter and we're revising their road trip route. Who wants to visit a city that openly defies the governor's pronouncement that CA residents should be wearing masks while in public? How rude of you, mayor, to not consider the health of your fellow CA residents. Unfortunately, as a 72 year old, I won't be going on any road trips this summer, one of my passions year-round, by the way. I LOVE Nevada City, but cannot bring myself to recommend a visit by my loved ones. Their health and COVID-19 safety are of paramount importance.

Cordially,
Barbara Quinlan
San Diego, CA
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Members of the Nevada City City Council:

Mayor Senum’s recent facebook post regarding the legality of Governor Newsom’s order requiring the wearing of face masks has us again questioning the mayor’s suitability as mayor of Nevada City. While she is duly elected to a seat on the Council, her continued lack of restraint in her public postings tarnishes our city’s standing throughout California and beyond. We would support the council moving to remove the gavel.

Reinette has done much for Nevada City through years of positive activism. It is shame that it has come to this point again.

Richard and Theresa Thomas
214 Gethsemane Street
Nevada City, CA  95959
As a long-time summer visitor of Nevada City, California, my Facebook memories this month have stirred up a range of emotions: nostalgia, longing, sadness, happiness, and hope, to name a few. I would love nothing more than to hop in my car and drive straight to your beautiful community to create new summer memories with friends, stay at the Inn Town Campground, get ice cream with my kids at Treats, have lunch on the outdoor patio at Sopa, order pizza from Northridge, and stroll through the shops of downtown.

However, I'm dismayed and appalled at the words and actions of the mayor, Reinette Senum, who appears to value her own individualistic agenda by encouraging people NOT to wear masks (https://www.theunion.com/news/nevada-city-mayor-fuels-controversy-over-governors-mask-order/) rather than putting the good of her community first by following health and safety experts' recommendations based on science and facts.

The business owners in her community have been diligently preparing for re-opening, following health and safety guidelines, in order to provide their visitors and customers the safest way to recreate and enjoy all that Nevada City has to offer. The mayor's statement that “NOBODY can be forced to wear a mask outside, in a business, or as an employee or customer,” is not only damaging to the community she is bound to represent, it's damaging to Nevada City businesses and the economy, and is one that is inherently inconsiderate and destructive.

If this pandemic has revealed anything (and it has revealed a lot), it's shown us just how much we're all connected and in this together. The virus doesn't stop at state or county lines. Proven safety measures - one so simple as wearing a mask, for instance - protect our communities. By encouraging people to ignore those safety measures, the mayor is putting her community, her businesses, her business owners, and all of the tourism revenue that Nevada City thrives on in danger. Her words and actions are short-sighted and selfish.

As other states, like Colorado, adhere to safety guidelines and our COVID numbers decrease, people will be looking for ways to safely get out and enjoy our summers. Until the mayor chooses to adhere to safety measures which contribute to the overall well-being of her town including its businesses and its guests, people like me will avoid places like Nevada City because of leadership that prioritizes individual comfort over community needs during these challenging times.

We're all in this together. It's unfortunate that Reinette Senum seems to be in it for herself.

Respectfully,
Erica Rewey

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Reality is not always probable, or likely. -Jorge Luis Borges
Masks should be required - need a retraction from Mayor Senum

1 message

Jeanne Schneebe <jschneeb123@yahoo.com> Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 7:16 AM
To: "nevadacity.olson@gmail.com" <nevadacity.olson@gmail.com>, "duanestrawser@gmail.com" <duanestrawser@gmail.com>, "erin4nevadacity@gmail.com" <erin4nevadacity@gmail.com>, "davidsparker569@gmail.com" <davidsparker569@gmail.com>, "czechgirl63@gmail.com" <czechgirl63@gmail.com>, "reinettesenum@gmail.com" <reinettesenum@gmail.com>

Dear Nevada City Council:

Please have Mayor Senum retract her statements regarding not wearing masks. This is an outrage, if Governor Newsom is asking California to wear masks to reduce the COVID-19, Nevada City should be more than compliant.

By asking our people to NOT wear a mask, violates those of us who will be possibly at risk. This should not even be discussed as an option.

Since mid-April, Nevada City was blessed to have no increase in cases, then the city 'opened'...and as of today, the cases rose from 41 prior to opening...to over 82 cases. This is not a test, not a fake--this is a real pandemic and California is losing in lowering the incidence of this virus. Nevada City will lose as well with these outrageous statements going against Governor Newsom's requests.

I am embarrassed to read Mayor Senum's comments. I am embarrassed this has become news across California and other states--my family from Kansas City have heard these very damning remarks about our city. I have a right as well, and asking all citizens (including the non-compliant POST OFFICE) to wear masks is such a small request to save lives. Please place this on the agenda, she is NOT speaking the truth for the majority of Nevada City.

Let Nevada City stand strong with Governor Newsom and be PART OF THE SOLUTION....not part of the problem.

Jeanne Schneeberger
Gentlemen- this afternoon I sent this message to another member of the City Council.
"I was completely shocked to read Reinette Senum's comments regarding the wearing of masks. How can an elected community leader advocate behavior that endangers every other member of our community including the most vulnerable? She should be made to answer for her reckless and irresponsible behavior. We would expect her to be a model for the rest of the community, and sadly she is. She is promoting dangerous behavior on the part of everyone who chooses to follow her example and sadly exposing everyone else in the community to potential illness and possibly death. She should be ashamed, and we expect you as our representative to protest strongly on our behalf"

I hope you will carry a strong message of protest to the City Council on our behalf/
Don and Barbara Scoble.
Nevada City residents

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"Music is the wine that fills the cup of silence."

Robert Fripp

Support InConcert Sierra
InConcert Sierra presents exceptional classical music and choral performances that inspire and enhance the cultural life in Nevada County -- offering a warm inclusive community and providing educational opportunities for both young people and adults.

Don Scoble
415-463-0363 mobile
530-470-1720 NC
Your mayor is dangerous and deserves to be recalled immediately. There are many doctors and scientists with the CDC that recommend masks.

Best Regards,

Clint Snider
leadership on covid-19 and public safety

1 message

Rose Sponder <rsponder@gmail.com>  
To: Nevadacity.olson@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern -

As a longtime resident of Nevada County, now living in neighboring Placer County, whose aging parents still live in Nevada County, I want to express my deep sadness and frustration with the leadership in Nevada City which does not advocate for basic public safety measures and shared responsibility, particularly around wearing masks as recommended by so many public health agencies and organizations and as mandated by our Governor.

I recently visited Nevada County to visit my parents - the only time since February - and was deeply saddened by what I saw in the community. For a community so entwined with tourism, which courts visitors from out of the area, there was a startling lack of caution demonstrated when it came to infection prevention measures. Wearing a mask is the most basic thing we can do to prevent the spread of covid-19 in public, and public places in Nevada County clearly lacked even a sizable minority of mask-wearers.

If Nevada County wants to open up to commerce, as we all do, it needs to encourage people to take every precaution to prevent the spread of disease during a pandemic. Nevada City leadership should show that it is taking disease prevention very seriously, that it will be our ally in trying to stay safe and well. I am personally more wary of visiting businesses in Nevada County and personally have no plan to go back soon. My visits with my family will be restricted to their homes, and we will not shop at local businesses, as we had been considering doing.

Please help us bring back the economy by helping us shop and visit public spaces safely. Please encourage leadership to encourage the community-at-large to act in the best interest of others by following a very simple practice. Mask-wearing demonstrates concern for our fellow humans. It is the least we can do.

Many thanks,
Rose Sponder
Roseville, CA
I am disappointed and angered by our mayor's unwillingness to publicly support Governor Newsom's official mandate that all Californians must wear face-coverings when in public spaces. Mayor Senum's irresponsible statement undermines and contradicts the science that supports the efficacy of wearing cloth masks while in public spaces and, most importantly, threatens the health and safety of the very people that she was elected to protect. Mayor Senum, the governor's mandate to wear face-coverings is not political overreach as you seem to believe but is, instead, a prudent and sensible order to prevent community spread. We selflessly wear masks, Mayor Senum, to protect the essential workers in our community. We wear masks, Mayor Senum, because we are compassionate. We wear masks, Mayor Senum, because we are kind. Ultimately, Mayor Senum, we wear masks to demonstrate solidarity with and for our neighbors. Mayor Senum, you can rectify the confusion and distrust you have so carelessly sown with your harmful declaration by publicly apologizing and announcing your unequivocal support for Governor Newsom's mandate. Anything less will be risking the general health and welfare of our neighbors. I implore you to do the right thing.

Respectfully,

Paul A. Stackhouse
Nevada City, CA
Enough is enough!
Rienette Senum has gone too far.
Nevada City Council should reprimand [again] or remove Rienette, if possible.
Mayor Senum,

I am a Nevada City resident. I am deeply disturbed by your continued posts on social media as mayor about your personal views. You were publicly chastised a few months ago for making comments on your personal beliefs about 5G technology. Before that it was your personal beliefs about police misconduct. Now you at it again with your personal beliefs about mask wearing during this pandemic. You have shown yourself incapable and unapologetic about your abuse of your position. I demand that you resign as mayor of Nevada City.

Your thin excuse about your intent in pointing out the Governor's lack of legal mandate in declaring mask wearing essential does not hold up, because your real reason (as came out in the interview in the Union on Tuesday) is that you don't believe the general public should wear masks. You believe only the vulnerable should wear a mask. This is dangerous and wrong thinking.

A mask should be worn to prevent the invisible spray of mucus that we emit in the normal course of breathing and speaking, and especially coughing and sneezing, from getting into the atmosphere. This is important because asymptomatic people with the COVID19 virus can inadvertently spread the virus by merely speaking or breathing near someone else.

Wearing a mask does not protect you from getting the virus. Wearing a mask helps to prevent you from spreading the virus. Your comment that caregivers and family members of immune-compromised or elderly individuals should be the only ones who wear masks demonstrates your ignorance, as does your comment about the efficacy of boosting one's immune system to...
prevent getting the virus. There are numerous cases of very healthy, young people with strong
immune systems catching this disease, suffering horrifically, receiving lifelong debilitations,
and even dying. Children suffer, the young, the middle-aged, the old. Everyone.

Wearing a mask does not restrict oxygen or carbon dioxide. Adults can wear a mask in any
condition and still breath. Wearing a mask in public is a small price to pay for keeping the
community safe. So what if it is for a year or more? It is a minor inconvenience. The benefits
far outweigh the cost. If everyone wore a mask in public, our businesses could operate and
the spread of the virus could be minimized.

Instead, the COVID19 cases in Nevada County are increasing at an alarming rate. People are
suffering. Many are not wearing a mask in public. You and your comments are in some
measure to blame. People justify their refusal to wear a mask in public because of your
comments as mayor, and they have been abusing people who do wear masks. Commenting
about 5G is one thing, but now your public comments as mayor are causing real trauma in our
community. This is a time when we need clear-headed, rational leadership. It is time for you to
step down as mayor.

Sincerely,
David Tallitsch
802 Zion St.
Nevada City, CA 95959
Dear Members of the Nevada City City Council-

As the co-owner of the Outside Inn & Inn Town Campground in Nevada City I wanted to take a moment and share with the Council the consequences of our Mayor’s actions over the weekend.

Reinette’s personal opinions on mask wearing were shared far and wide on social media, leading to state-wide and national news coverage. The immediate result was emails and cancellation requests from our customers because they now think that Nevada City doesn’t take public health seriously.

The following email from a customer with a camping reservation from a guest from San Francisco worth $544:

Hello! We are very excited to come camp again at your site. We have been patiently waiting and checking your website! However, we are dismayed by Nevada City’s mayor encouraging your town to not wear masks. We are from the Bay Area and have been very diligent in wearing our masks and doing our part. If Nevada City continues in this direction of not listening to the governor’s orders, will your cancellation policy change? We really want to come to the Yuba but want our family to be safe. Furthermore, will your campground enforce the governor’s orders despite the Mayor’s proclamations to keep your guests safe? I hope so! Please let us know!

Thank you,
(name withheld)

As a result of the uncertainty the press was creating, I took the time to write a blog post about the Outside Inn’s dedication to Public Health, to which our mayor responded stating that she will no longer support us or our businesses. Here are her comments, posted to our website blog:

Wow. Just wow. I reached out to you both a couple weeks ago. I went to the mat for your business, calling on the county officials, demanding we have to DO SOMETHING to save the Inn Town Camp Ground and the Outside Inn... and this is what you do? Really? This is how you respond to me fighting for you both? You have shown your colors Erin and Dan. You have shown your colors. I have NO respect for either of you... next time you are all in a pickle, I will not stand up for you.

Reinette Senum
reinettesenum@gmail.com
2020/06/22 at 8:33 pm

We have taken the perspective of helping the greater good through our actions for decades and will continue to help serve our community in any way that we can. What we ask for in these challenging times is the support of our local leadership.

We cannot do this on our own, for the health and well-being of our town, we need to work together.

Thank you,
Erin Thiem
Date: 6/20/20

To: Reinette Senum, Nevada City Mayor
CC: Nevada City Council Members, NC City Manager
From: Bobby Trice
Re: NC Mayor Reinette Senum's Facebook post re: masks

Dear Reinette,

I hope you're holding up alright amidst the wild ride of coronavirus, a pandemic of racist policing, the election cycle, and small-town politics.

I'm writing regarding your recent Facebook post re: masks.

To reintroduce myself: I'm Bobby Trice. I was born and raised in rural Nevada County. I'm a queer 22-year-old advocate and organizer now working in federal policy advocacy and antiracism/racial justice organizing in DC. My parents live on Sacramento St. right across from the old gas station and just down the street from the bike shop.

You and I met briefly in June 2016 when I was organizing the Nevada City vigil for the Orlando Pulse Nightclub shooting. I'm friends with James Fisher-Smith. Though I may not be a permanent resident of Nevada County any longer, I am still a community member who has led a life not only adjacent to but also entwined with yours, as is the beauty of our small, tight-knit community in Nevada County.

I know my dad really looks up to you as someone who strives to speak truth to power. While I disagree with a lot of your stances, I acknowledge some of your underlying concerns about liberty. I maintained my own respect for your brazen activism until recently. I was looking forward to returning in mid-August to be with my family, patronize local businesses, and swim in the Yuba to remember those Nevada County summers I grew up with. I am beginning to reconsider that trip entirely based on recent news coverage of our little town, and specifically, your latest public stance.
I write today after much reflection on my concerns. In sending this message, I seek to:

1. Express my concerns, ask for clarity around yours

2. Ask for a public conversation

3. Request an explicit public statement from you acknowledging and responding to the potential impacts of your Facebook post(s)

I was protesting at Lafayette in DC on June 1. I was gassed, flashbanged, and shot with rubber bullets during a peaceful protest. My bruises still haven't healed. While I appreciate that you think calling a mandate to wear masks "tyranny" is a part of your analysis, I need to share that it feels particularly hurtful and invalidating to read that comparison from one of my hometown community leaders when I have felt the overt, physical violence of tyranny firsthand so recently.

The point you seemed to clarify over and over again in your relatively sparse responses to upset friends and constituents was: “our [g]overnor does not have the power to make a unilateral [o]rder.”

By choosing a different example of government overreach, you could have made your point without sending a message that (subtextually if not explicitly) condones flouting a scientific consensus around best practices (i.e. wearing masks) for preventing the spread of a pandemic that has taken 121K+ lives and left 45 million people unemployed nationally in the US.

A conversation:

Even in my short 22 years and even fewer in activist/movement spaces, I have learned that asking to connect and understand should always be my first response. I'm far removed from Nevada County, and thus gain my understanding secondhand through my family, friends, news coverage (i.e. SacBee), and Facebook posts (links available upon request). Thus, I would greatly appreciate the chance to connect on the phone or Zoom or whatever works for you for even 10-15 minutes for a recorded interview to better understand where you're coming from in choosing this particular example to make a point about your concerns around loss of liberty. I would be happy to send you my questions in advance if you agree to this conversation.

If you do not respond to this request nor agree to such a conversation, I request that the City Council work with YubaNet to hold another virtual town hall specifically on this topic so the public may have an opportunity to dialogue with Reinette. Dialogue seems fairly absent
from the social media buzz around this controversy, and it seems like it could only benefit the community and local politics at this time.

**A public statement:**

In addition to this public conversation (whether a recorded interview with me or held in a public virtual format) I request that you issue a statement of clarification and acknowledgment of the potential public health impacts of your posts. As many have pointed out, you are seen as a holder of public offices and a community leader whether or not you are acting in your official capacity, and thus must be judicious in considering how your words and statements will be heard and felt and what in/actions they might inspire (whether to the detriment or benefit of our community).

In this case, I see little benefit to your post and a lot of potential harm. So I am requesting a formal statement clarifying your stance, and I urge you to encourage people to wear masks, or at least, to clarify that you are not actively discouraging mask-wearing, a simple public health measure that has prevented virus transmission and saved lives.

I am happy to dialogue with you further. You may email me personally here to respond to these requests. I do expect a response from you, Reinette.

**City Manager and City Council Members:**

If I do not hear back from the Mayor in a timely manner, I will be in touch shortly to discuss alternatives to my requests.

Sincerely,

Bobby Trice
447 Sacramento St.
Nevada City, CA 95959
bobbyburnstrice@gmail.com
Laura van den Berg <vandenberglaura@yahoo.com>  
To: nevadacity.olson@gmail.com  

Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 8:17 AM

My father was on the Sonora City Council for 52 years and mayor many times. In all his years of public service, he would have never put his constituents in financial or physical harm as mayor Renette Senum has done. She seems to miss the point that when other paper print her words, they don’t just put Renette Senum....they lead with Mayor of Nevada City. Once she is no longer mayor, I am hopeful that other places will quit listening to her.

The pandemic and quarantine has hit so many businesses so hard. Now that they are able to open up with department of Public Health guidance, Mayor Senum makes a statement about not wearing masks which advertises to others “Come to Nevada City” and spread your germs and be disrespectful to businesses that choose to enforce the guidance for the safety of their families and workers. It’s deplorable!

I realize she will be soon giving up her title as mayor, but I think it would be a strong statement to strip her of her title early. She is not fit for the role.

All the best,  
Laura van den Berg

Sent from my iPad
Based on the mayor's recent declaration on wearing a mask in public places, and that is what it says; public places! I will no longer be shopping in Nevada City as she has put me at too high a risk.
Dr. Russell Blaylock, author of *The Blaylock Wellness Report* newsletter, is a nationally recognized board-certified neurosurgeon, health practitioner, author, and lecturer. He attended the Louisiana State University School of Medicine and completed his internship and neurological residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. For 26 years, practiced neurosurgery in addition to having a nutritional practice. He recently retired from his neurosurgical duties to devote his full attention to nutritional research. Dr. Blaylock has authored four books, *Excitotoxins: The Taste That Kills, Health and Nutrition Secrets That Can Save Your Life, Natural Strategies for Cancer Patients*, and his most recent work, *Cellular and Molecular Biology of Autism Spectrum Disorders*. 
Mayor Senum needs to be removed from the City Council

1 message

Bob Wright <bobtwright@yahoo.com>                        Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 12:20 PM
To: "Nevadacity.olson@gmail.com" <Nevadacity.olson@gmail.com>

My wife and I supported Reinette in the last election on our belief that Nevada City would be better protected from her periodic assaults by having her "inside the tent" assuming that her public rebuke by the City Council would curtail her propensity to speak out and make inflammatory comments which are picked up by the media which is swayed by the draw of out of the box stories that are deemed worthy of using to appeal to readers - in short, whacky comments are expanded because they fly in the face of normalcy.

Enough is enough -- our assumption was wrong - she does not seem to enjoy the judgement or ability to anticipate negative publicity or, worse, does not care and uses her position to advance her own agenda. This cannot be allowed to continue. The damage that she does to our city exceeds the good that she has done. The City Council, having rebuked her for past indiscretions is now in the unenviable position of having to ask themselves again, -- how do we deal with this person who has a propensity to do damage to our city? -- My view is that the council itself has to accept the adage -- first time, shame on you (Reinette) - second time, shame on me (Council).
The audacity of her continuing to use the ruse that - oh, "I was only expressing my personal views" is ridiculous or worse -- her personal sphere of influence is meager but when her title is added is immense. Which leads me to a recommendation for the Council to consider: Change the title of the position from "Mayor" to "Chairperson of the City Council" which better reflects the rotating role of the position and diminishes the false assumption that has been made that our Mayor's views are worthy of elevating by the media or others.

Reinette seems more than "tone deaf" to me - but regardless of how well-intentioned her views may be that she has been a proven damage creator as to how our city is viewed by those who read the stories in the media that only exist because they are beyond the pale and come from someone who has a title that is wrongly interpreted as implying that she speaks for the city.

Clipping her wings has done little to keep her focus from being a source of appealing stories - appealing as odd ball, against the grain positions -- she has simply opted to fly higher and so, in her last month of retaining the mayor title she has brought negative attention and harm to our city -- a reasonable person would take the high road and step down but she has a propensity to aggressively defend he actions and attempt to cast aspersions to anyone other than herself as the source of the problem which only magnifies the apparent fact the her judgement is so poor that she needs to be recalled for incompetence.

I supported giving her what I interpreted as a last chance by the council when one of her earlier actions brought the image of Nevada City down but she cannot be relied upon to do adapt and therefore the problem comes before the council to rid our garden of this weed. In summary, the council's efforts to reign Reinette in has not worked - and she therefore has dumped the problem in your laps. I trust the council will find a way to resolve the problem. Thank you in advance.
Well looking through your website and unable to find a way to contact Terri Anderson the Mayor, I thought you were my best bet.

I’m outraged at the ignorance of the mayor to publicly state her position on the mandate set by our governor regarding wearing masks. Does she have a clue how the virus is spread? Does she watch the experts talk about why we should wear them, that since the opening of business numbers have increased? Has she listened to infectious diseases SPECIALIST talk about how important it will slow the spread?

Someone better sit her down and explain the basics of a disease spread by droplets from talking and coughing. She is supposed to protect her people? ????

Very disappointed in her lack of leadership.

Sue
Greetings,
While I live in Grass Valley, what happens in Nevada City directly affects me as a member of our shared communities. I am absolutely horrified by the Nevada City mayor’s public comments about the use of masks and now her call for unscientific support for not mandating masks.

I am retired after more than 45 years of clinical practice in health care. We need SCIENCE, not hope in happy vibes, to get us through this pandemic and restart our economy. The longer people refuse to use common scientific principles, the worse the pandemic and the greater the hit on the economy. Masks save lives. To quote someone from our shared communities, no one is asking anyone to give up civil liberties. Wearing a mask has been scientifically proven to reduce infection rates and is the very least we can do to be civil with one another. Any public leader speaking contrary to this deserves immediate removal from public office, whether it be mayor of Nevada City or the so-called president of this country.

Respectfully,
Donna Guyot Johnson

Sent from my iPad
I am writing to express my support for our Mayor Reinette Senum. She is concerned about the citizens of our town and is standing up for those of us who believe that wearing masks and shutting down is actually harming our community.

Please do not punish this brave woman for standing up against the main-stream narrative. There are other medical opinions that are currently not being heard due to main-stream media and attempts to silence any alternative views. I implore you to consider the opinions of other professionals that are not backed by big corporations. I am a biologist and have been disgusted by the "studies" that are coming out to back up the main-stream narrative. If you actually read the studies it is clear that they are biased.

It is my personal belief that viruses are natural and should be allowed to run their natural course. Our county is not in a state of emergency, so why are we implementing contact tracing and mask wearing. What is the ultimate goal? Are we trying to stop the spread? Are we forgetting that every time we open up the virus will flare and will not go away until it has run it's course? What is the end game? Keep cases down until there is a vaccine? I for one am not comfortable taking a vaccine that will modify my genetics.

What is the ultimate price we as a community are willing to pay to play along with the government's game? How many local businesses will we lose. How many suicides will occur as a result? How many children will be abused? What is the long-term psychological effect that this will have on our children and our community? How many people will have long-term health issues that result from wearing masks 8 hrs./day?

Our Mayor has stood up for her town and should be commended, not punished. Please give her a round of applause for listening to the people and being brave enough to swim upstream. Many people went along with Hitler because they were uninformed and scared and just "doing their job" Please learn from this important historical event. Do not blindly follow because you are "just doing your job". Please do your research. There is an ever growing body of epidemiologists and doctors who are standing up against the narrative. As our leaders, I implore you to inform yourself about the fact that viruses are natural and have co-evolved with people for all of humanity. We can not control them, they will run their course with or without masks or a vaccine.

Thank you for your consideration of alternative ideas and for supporting Reinette in standing up for her town as every Mayor should do.

Jinnah Benn
Newtown Rd. Nevada City
Dear Nevada City Council Members:

Sending you some videos and links to watch regarding respectable authorities and their views on Covid and whether to mask or not.

Very compelling. I ask you to take the time to watch these few (of which there are many many more) and be well informed before making decisions that affect many people and that you will likely be held responsible for.

Thank you for your time.

http://ocla.ca/ocla-letter-who/?fbclid=IwAR3vLXHg9hXIlw7TvBy8309Jpo6j1e0fpws0MXWTOpYZdh9TnHpQEMMm62c

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPsobisKmgs&fbclid=IwAR0u894xbuphZ_m_NM9uA2wubmKuH9K-zkGZFAdUBJ9J9TzY-E5X7F8bm5Q

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zA9gpF1RNOw&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2Rh1XER7FuzUCuDpopSu6-iYm1dyJQBVHICZb3js2t_6z5z8whoIsb3l0&app=desktop

Belinda Clements
Dear Council Member,

Good morning,

Let it be known for public record that I stand behind Mayor Reinette Senum for speaking out about the media's misrepresentation of the CDPH's mask guidance that was falsely presented as an order from Governor Newsom.

Regardless of your stance on mask mandates, it is crucial that we hold the media accountable for reporting factual information.

Thank you,
-Nevada County Resident, Danika Griffin
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-Nevada County Resident, Bethany Eisinger
From: Escape Matrix Enterprise
To: duanestrawser@gmail.com; erin4nevadacity@gmail.com; czechgirl163@gmail.com; davidsparkyparker569@gmail.com; reinettesenum@gmail.com; Catrina Olson; Dawn Zydonis
Subject: Before the briefing on Tuesday Against Reinette Senum, Watch this Video
Date: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:17:26 AM

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Writing on behalf of Reinette Senum,

before any of you berate her know that what she is saying is supported by many of us.

Simply have a look at this video then make a more intelligent decision in how you judge her.

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Jacqueline @ EscapeMatrix
Hello Ms. Olson,

I am a resident of Nevada County. I frequent businesses in Nevada City weekly.

I agree with Mayor Reinette Senum's personal public stance about face coverings. They should not be mandated/ordered by any government agency to be worn by people in public places. They are unhealthy physically, mentally and emotionally. Those who are vulnerable and/or immuno-compromised should have the freedom to choose to wear a face covering or quarantine themselves to protect their fragile health.

I urge you to join Mayor Senum and denounce the government orders of wearing face coverings in public.

Thank you,

Kimberly Carlson Farwell
Penn Valley, CA
To the Nevada City Council Members

I am a returning resident to Nevada City and times being what they are I have waded back into local politics during a very contentious time. Nevada City has a very diverse population in terms of mindset and personality. Here we are at another collision point for differing opinions in regards to Reinette Senum's Facebook post.

I see there is a group of community members who want to censure her for her statement about the governor's mandate. Her statement specified that the governor did not have the power to create a law on his own. This is an unprecedented time. I believe we are all trying to figure out what legal footing each executive order has as there have been several in a row now with no judicial or legislative input in the process. There is also a group of community members who felt that the governor was not unifying in the way he delivered his message, more the opposite. He implied that law enforcement would be engaged or other measures in a veiled threat. His rhetoric coincided with historic racial tensions and intense police and civil brutality towards people of color. Did he really expect that this extra tension of community profiling between law enforcement and the public would not reignite the worst race wars in modern time? lucky for all of us California law enforcement came out with a statement saying they would not enforce a mask law. But you know who came out and challenged him first? Our Mayor.

Many argue that it was a law for the greater good but I feel it was delivered in such a way and at a time that the conclusion of government overreach is totally within reason. Fear of Covid-19 is not the factor by which we should judge Reinette. In this case we need to take the entire context of the governor's actions as well as his timing into consideration. Not only Reinette, but a fair number of Californians saw the governor's mask order as a threat to civil liberties and if you are a person of color, a possible threat that could lead to the loss of your life.

I have found this to be a very confusing time for humanity and I too have misread the situation at times. In March I flew on a plane with my wife and the official government policy at the time was that masks didn't help. We wore them anyway. Now three months later our government in its own confusion has reversed its stance on masks completely. Are we really so sure of ourselves that we can know every truth and hold others accountable for doubting what we barely understand?

This is no easy time when it comes to judgement. I think our mayor has the best interest of our community at heart and has done a lot of good for Nevada City. She has spoken her truth which is her first amendment right. I honor her for that and I hope you do as well.

Sincerely,
Michael Foxley
Dear Sir or Madam,

I stand behind Mayor Reinette Senum for speaking out about the media’s misrepresentation of the CDPH's mask guidance that was falsely presented as an order from Governor Newsom.

Regardless of your stance on mask mandates, it is crucial that we hold the media accountable for reporting factual information.

Please let this comment be a part of the public record.

W.F. Griffin
Nevada County Resident
Dear Honorable Council Members,

I would like it part of public record that I support Mayor Reinette Senum's remarks regarding current mask guidance as quoted in The Union: https://www.theunion.com/news/nevada-city-mayor-fuels-controversy-over-governors-mask-order/.

As you know, governors cannot make law without legislators, and there is no order on Governor Newsom's website. https://www.gov.ca.gov. Mask wearing is currently a recommendation in the state of California. I hope that you will stop misrepresented journalism in your community.

Jenna Hilton
Placer County resident, raised in Nevada City area
Form Name: Report a Concern

Form Text:
Please provide the information requested below to report a problem or concern to City Hall. If you would like to speak directly with a staff member, you may call City Hall at (530) 265-2496, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.-noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Please understand that this service is not to be used to report an emergency situation. **In the event of an emergency please dial 9-1-1.**

Name: Elise Hougesen

Email Address: aloeho@yahoo.com

Street Address: 418 Oak St.

Phone Number: 15302740734

Area of Concern: Other

Location of Concern: Grass Valley

Brief Description of the Issue: Stop Draconian restrictions that do little for health and contradict the health advice of medical doctors I have known for the last 50 yrs! I am treated like vermin in an old Nazi propaganda film vs. the Jews! Isolate them, do not talk to them, they carry disease!!!!

Response Requested: Email

Reinette has a long history of passion and commitment to Nevada City and its people. Her various opinions have not always been popular. However, she has ALWAYS stood up for what she felt was in the best interests of the citizens of Nevada City. The interesting thing is that in retrospect, in most of the cases, she ultimately has been on the right side of history. There are many new residents to the area that are not familiar with her history. They only have heard of certain things that her detractors have chosen, often out of context or even through outright lies, spread on social media, creating a firestorm. She has been instrumental in beginning some of the best things Nevada City has to offer: the Nevada City Farmers Market (which, believe it or not, had a lot of opposition), Commercial Street Boardwalk and even APPLE (Alliance for a Post Petroleum Local Economy). Each of these items drew intense opposition or ridicule at the time. Even her personal statement on police brutality (which was, in fact, misrepresented purposely by many), was unpopular at the time. Remember, it took those willing to take a risk and put themselves on the line that founded this country. Signing the Constitution was an act of treason. They weren’t necessarily popular but they were willing to create a Constitution that was for the betterment of the people- even those who disagreed with them. So whether it is police brutality or masks Reinette has a penchant for recognizing trends and acting on them to advance society in a positive direction. Sometimes ruffling feathers, for sure, but that is sometimes what is necessary to move forward. And please remember this: Reinette never once told people not to wear a mask. In fact, I personally have seen her wear them on many occasions before the studies and data started coming back that did not support that recommendation. Then she looked at the science and changed her mind. Everyone should have a right to make their own choice related to their health and well being. I believe, that is all that she is saying.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Janssenn
12 Galena Way
Nevada City
Nevada City Council,

I am writing in the strongest terms possible with compelling information for the Nevada City Council and the Board of Supervisor to vote to terminate this "local health emergency." I ask that this letter be submitted for the public record and added to the agenda.

The local health emergency and ALL orders emanating from it should be nullified, and not ratified by the Board of Supervisors, based on this irrefutable evidence:

**Health officers are violating two California laws:**
1) Calling for a local health emergency when there are no legal grounds, as defined in California law (ESA 8558 b) and CHSC Section 101080) and

2) Not providing "relevant information" to governmental entities, as required by HSC Div 105, Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 120175.5, which directs the health officers to provide evidence and information to the governing body regarding communicable diseases. If the BOS ratifies these illegal orders, they are complicit in violating these California laws:
   (ESA 8558 b)

   CHSC Section 101080) and

   HSC Div 105, Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 120175.5.

DETAILS:

Health officers are violating California Health and Safety Code section 101080, as follows:

**NO GROUNDS FOR A LOCAL EMERGENCY:**

There are no grounds for a local health emergency. According to the California Emergency Services Act (ESA), a *local health emergency* may only be proclaimed by a local health officer when:
1) There is a release or spill of material that is subsequently determined to be hazardous or medical waste, or

2) There is an "imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, noncommunicable biologic agent, toxin or radioactive agent"

Based on the definition of the above, there are NO GROUNDS for a local emergency in our county.

There is no imminent [definition: "about to happen"] or proximate [definition: "immediate"] threat.

Therefore the covid situation does not meet the definition for a local health emergency.

The "introduction" of this disease was declared on February 25, several months ago.

That does not meet the definition of an "introduction" of the disease.

Therefore the covid situation does not meet the definition for a local health emergency.

It is the exact opposite. There has been a slowing of deaths. The numbers of "positive cases" are faulty because of the highly unreliability of the tests.

Health officers state as a reason for their local health emergency point (5) that "there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

How is that a local emergency? There is no effective vaccine for the flu, and there is no local emergency declared for flu season, where fewer county residents die each year, compared to covid-related deaths.

Further, health officers are violating California Health and Safety Code section 101080, as a local health emergency can only be called when there is an "imminent and proximate threat of the INTRODUCTION of any contagious, infectious or communicable disease..."

There is no imminent and proximate threat, and there is no "introduction" of any disease. The introduction happened 3 months ago, so it no longer an EMERGENCY by definition.

FURTHER, NO EVIDENCE FOR WEARING FACE MASKS:
HSC Div 105, Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 120175.5 states that regarding the administration of communicable disease prevention and control,

"A local health officer must make any relevant information available to governmental entities."
This has not happened.

"Where is the science?"

Health officers have "passed the buck" and **are breaking California law by not providing reputable evidence** in favor of healthy or asymptomatic residents to wear face masks.

Health officers refer to CDC guidance, which has zero evidence regarding wearing face masks. None of the links provided by the CDC even mention wearing masks, let alone if they are effective.

Further, Health officers rely on guidance from the CDP as the evidence for the mask mandate.

Yet, here is what the CDPH states regarding face masks:

1. The CDPH states: [link is here]

   "Our best community and individual defense against COVID 19 is **washing our hands** frequently, **avoiding touching our eyes, nose and mouth** with unwashed hands, **avoiding being around sick people** and physical distancing, especially by staying at home.

2. **Face coverings may increase risk** if users reduce their use of strong defenses,

   "**You may CHOOSE to wear a cloth face covering** when you must be in public"

   "**There is limited evidence to suggest that use of cloth face coverings by the public** during a pandemic could help reduce disease transmission."

   And those **who feel comfortable** wearing a mask should do so."

HSC Div 105, Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 120175.5 states that regarding the
administration of communicable disease prevention and control:

"A local health officer must make any relevant information available to governmental entities."

THUS,
WE, THE ELECTORATE, WHO OVERSEE THIS NEVADA CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CALL ON THE NEVADA CITY COUNCIL TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO NOT RATIFY THE UNLAWFUL AND INVALID LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY:

There are no grounds for a local health emergency based on California Law (ESA section 8558);

1) Calling for a local health emergency when there are no legal grounds, as defined in California law (ESA 8558 b) and

2) Not providing "relevant information" to governmental entities, as required by HSC Div 105, Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 120175.5, which directs the health officers to provide evidence and information to the governing body regarding communicable diseases.

Further questions that need to be clearly answered and publicly posted.

1. What is the legal definition of a local health emergency? For example mortality rate, Overwhelmed local hospital.

2. When is this local health emergency set to expire?

3. What is your governing authority in overseeing these health orders?

4. Where is the reputable medical science and evidence that supports healthy people wearing masks?
REFERENCES:

(2) California Department of Public Health states. "There is limited evidence to suggest that the use of cloth face coverings by the Public during a pandemic could help reduce disease transmission." "Face coverings may INCREASE RISK." https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Face-Coverings-Guidance.aspx


(3) CAL/OSHA "Oxygen deficient atmosphere means an atmosphere with an oxygen content below 19.5% by volume." https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5144.html

(4) CDC has no evidence supporting the wearing of cloth face coverings https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html

(5) Video showing no evidence from CDC references regarding masks: https://tinyurl.com/ycoeckfv


(7) Psychological harms of mask-wearing: Columbia University: "Many young children burst into tears or recoil when someone wearing a mask approaches. By putting on masks, we take away information that makes it especially difficult for children to recognize others and read emotional signals, which is unsettling and disconcerting." https://bit.ly/2XDaASx


(9) "Face coverings present a possible choking or strangulation hazard to your child" https://bit.ly/3cEX4SC
(10) California Health and Safety Code Section 120290 -- Exposure to an Infectious Disease in California. The defendant must (a) know they are afflicted with an infectious disease and (b) the defendant acts with SPECIFIC INTENT to transmit that disease to another person http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=120290.
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Please note in this documentary that the ones that assist to destabilize the country will be 'disposed of' (shot) as soon as the job is done!

Which side of the fence do YOU sit? It's a very long documentary but vitally important for those in positions of power as they will then be truly informed and responsible for which side of the fence they sit.

Screen shots are from the documentary (they also tell of where in the doco) - the 'destabilization stage' takes around 25 years and has been completed in America. Take note of the next stages. The first part of the film could be where things will end up if people remain unaware of 'the big plan'. Very fragile times and 4th July (not because it is an American day, but because there is a massive planetary line-up) will herald in an even greater shake-up!

All the best Reinette

https://www.bitchute.com/video/q1XawlzrLiK0/?fbclid=IwAR2rdj57t6b1JfnmW8ByNkkt2nJXqOapMYK27Fka4idB0h99foVKj4IeCo

Regards,

Stina

www.sunvillages.com.au
Dear All,

Please note and put on record my formal expression of Gratitude and Appreciation to Reinette Senum - the current mayor of California town, Nevada City.

It is imperative that the voice of all independent, integrity based scientists, medical practitioners, researchers, as well as the voice of the citizens of your town, your state, USA and the world at large - the global community voice that is based on knowledge, research and common sense is heard and taken into account whenever the rightful well-being of all free citizens is concerned. This is one of these moments.

As the time is of essence here, I don’t personally, at this moment in time have the super long list of numerous relevant scientific studies, research papers and publications, presentations, opinions, etc available for inclusion with this post– there is so much out there and all is easily available to all willing to look into the matter, with honesty and integrity, hence this submission does not include the multitude of links yet is a valid vote and support for ALL willing, intelligent and honest to speak up and oppose all unhealthy and logically, medically, scientifically, socially unjust requests / mandates, rules and regulations asking / forcing people to wear masks; undergo covid tests (which according to many doctors, researchers, specialists are formally documented to be inaccurate, unreliable and in some cases proven to be spreading the virus rather than testing for it); as well as multitude of rules and regulations limiting / impacting on freedom / health / well-being / all aspects of individual and society rights.

Every single person, anywhere and everywhere in this world, including Reinette Senum - the current mayor of a tiny California town, Nevada City, who shows the COURAGE and INTEGRITY to stand up and uphold The TRUTH, Common Sense, Honesty, Logic, TRUE VALUES is to be applauded, cherished and appreciated – definitely NOT censured, berated, negated.

This submission is posted trusting that all addressees’ are able to reach to / connect with and apply their True Mind and Soul Integrity and take an HONEST and JUST Action.

Regards,

Krys Krystal Clear
My name is Nancy Stockton-Bell I am 57 years old. I’m from Rocklin, CA 95677. I suffer from PTSD from a childhood sexual abuse. I currently in counseling working through the scars and trauma. Wearing a mask causes me great anxiety and causes triggers I’m working hard to overcome with my Counselor.

This who suffer PTSD are one of the many that masks cause anxiety to the point that the choice becomes being home bound and hopeless. Those with PTSD usually struggle with standing up in their own power. Therefore if the MASK does create a reaction, conscious or subconscious it will not be an option for them to go out even to get the essentials because of potential confrontation with store security, manager, or clerk. Explaining they have a medical exemption can prove to overwhelming. This leaves them hopeless and helpless. And ultimately homebound.

I’m asking those of you who can help to help. Educate and create awareness that there are those who can’t wear the face covering. Instead of making them feel like criminals show compassion on them. Realizing we never know what another fellow human is suffering from and through.
My desire is to get businesses and citizens educated that there is a Medical Exemption in the Mandate. That it’s ok to think of your own health. Thank you, in advance for doing the right thing for those you represent.

Yours in Health,
Nancy Stockton-Bell

Sent from my iPhone

My heart is to help others with PTSD
We are one of the many that masks cause anxiety to the point that the choice becomes being home bound and hopeless.
Even unable to go to the grocery store without knowing if you will be engaged in a confrontation, then explanation about your medical exemption.
Those with PTSD usually struggle with standing up in their own power. Therefore if the MASK does create a reaction, conscious or subconscious it will not be an option for them.
My desire is to get businesses and citizens educated that there is a Medical Exemption in the Mandate. There is much confusion about the fact it is not a law.
And those who suffer from PTSD do qualify for this exemption.
The worst part is feeling like a criminal for protecting your own health.
I sincerely ask you to understand this and make the information available to all that it is a recommendation not a law. And to have compassion on those who should not wear a face covering/mask.

Yours in health,
Nancy Stockton-Bell

Sent from my iPhone
Hello,

Please have this submitted to public comment

I would like to write on behalf of and in support of Reinette.

My concern is that you as the city council, do not quite know what to do with Reinette, feel that she consistently stirs the pot on controversial topics....and feel that she does not represent all of the constituents.

I want to say that as a constituent, I cannot tell you how fortunate and how honored I am, to say, " Reinette Senum is my mayor..."...and can truly say that she, more than any elected official that I know, has the people's back, and well being on her mind....

She cares so much for people's well being that she is willing to repeatedly and regularly be chastised and ridiculed, and yet she does not give up caring or educating.

I liken her to Rachel Carson whose quote shows how ddt was so freely used on the masses and within the environment, "... Although today's poisons are more dangerous than any known before, they have amazingly become something to be showered down indiscriminately from the skies. ....".

Now of course we know that ddt is highly toxic..but at that time they were literally spraying ddt on children, to stop the spread of polio.
Most people were fine with their children being sprayed with ddt...and in fact you can find commercials with cute little musical songs being played while trucks went by spraying people.
Children were literally sprayed while at school.
Now we know that ddt exposure causes paralysis.
Similar to unquestioningly advocating for ddt, many people are now unquestioningly advocating for the masses to wear masks.
People say, "...It is a simple thing..Just put on the mask..".
Mask wearing though is not a simple thing..and it is not without risk...and with risk..there must be consent...and careful and unbiased consideration.
Yesterday, I heard a first hand account of a pregnant mother that developed respiratory issues from having to wear her mask at work for 9 hours, 5 days per week. SHE was told to go and test for covid. The test was negative. Her doctor told her it was from wearing her mask for so many hours.
She said that she washed it daily. He said that it did not matter and that she was breathing in mold and bacteria, from the mask, for 9 hours each day.
From this she developed a respiratory infection.
She is the third local woman that I have heard of developing complications from mask wearing and the tenth person in total that I have heard of developing complications, some of which were quite serious, including two teen boys that DIED while being REQUIRED to wear their mask during PE class, during physical exams, two collapsed lungs, two cases of severe lung infection. 3 people losing consciousness and one of those driving into a tree, and one case of strep throat, worsened by mask wearing at a full time job. Most of these were accounts that happened to friends of friends.

The two boys were in China.

Reinette is the canary in the mine so to speak that ultimately could save the city loads of legal litigation because I can guarantee many will sue if their children are forced to wear a mask to school and any child is injured.

People are already talking about suing officials and county government because they do not have a choice in these directives being mandated and heavily "recommended". Your recommendations as well as the policy that you decide to uphold will shape our community.

With that you have the responsibility to research those long term ramifications, beyond the CDC and WHO...as the allopathic model is fraught with conflict of interest and is based upon a pharmaceutical monopoly.

If this becomes a true issue with workers and they begin to understand the danger that they may be in, they too may follow with litigation.

If the council does not choose to educate the public, we the citizens that are aware of these risks, will begin podcasts and interviews...and social media groups...and we will get this information and education out there...We will find out our legal rights...and we will make those known.

It would be so much better to work harmoniously with the county and feel that we can be a team in promoting health, than pitted against one another.

I would like my words to be taken seriously and yet with the understanding that it would be such a relief if we could trust the local officials to read beyond the mainstream narrative, as Reinette has always done. We want to work with you! If my words have any tone of ill boding, it is because we the people, feel threatened, not from the virus, but from the choices being set in place, to "protect" us.

This is for a disease that the BMJ stated that China shows may have 4/5 cases being asymptomatic.

As a health practitioner for 26 years, breath is the foundation of life...It is what alkalinizes are blood...it brings us health and vitality, it calms the nerves...it influences so many aspects of our well being.

Studies show that long term mask wearing is detrimental in limiting this vital resource.

Reinette knows this and has initiated working with my father and I to manufacture face shields, a much healthier solution to those that must wear face coverings for their job. I hope that Reinette is commended for this action and the public knows that it is an act that she initiated, specifically to protect Nevada County.

Reinette is not anti-mask, she is pro thought and consideration..and understands that this is not a one size fits all solution.

Reinette is also the ONLY elected official that has vocalized support of a holistic health advisory committee. It is ludicrous to me that we as a county have not done anything to promote health information, solely relying on mitigation procedures such as social distancing, mask wearing, glove wearing and disinfectants. We could be doing so much more to protect our community.

We must realize that officials say that herd immunity is hard to acquire for this illness. We have to note that we are doing everything in our being to prevent developing herd
immune...and that even subtle boosting by exposure, as we have done for our entire state of existence makes us stronger. Those that are truly weak, we need to as a community, figure out how to protect and boost their immunity...not segregate and isolate them...where they feel confused, isolated and depressed.

When we asked the Board of Supervisors about developing a holistic health team, Dr. Cutler and Heidi Hall said that we have experts and listen to the WHO, CDC and our local experts. I want to point out so strongly that these "experts" are saying that there is no known treatment. I will repeat that, these experts are saying that there is no known treatment.

Reinette on the other hand, has advocated for bringing in outside experts that ARE SUCCESSFULLY treating covid patients...WITH NATURAL METHODS...IN SEVERE CASES.

Deeply frustrated that this was not happening in our community, as well as deeply inspired that this IS happening in the world, I made it a point to interview a Manhattan integrative physician, Dr. Miriam Rahav, that is currently treating covid patients.

This is vital information that our community needs. If our elected officials continue to promote only the allopathic model, community members will suffer...we the citizens will seek out this knowledge.

This is a life changing time...which may have very serious ramifications...and instead of coming together with these type of solutions, the city stands in silence.

Reinette is suggesting a different course. Some of her constituents see this because we too are seeing these successes in the world that are not being shared by the mainstream media. In fact, Dr. Rahav said that she was suspicious as these stories were not being picked up by the press...and they are happening...Instead we only see death and despair.

It is your absolute duty, in this time that will impact all of our lives forever, to be willing to look outside of the box. If some of your constituents are so scared, and understandably so if they read only the mainstream news, it is your duty to take the time, as Reinette has, to stretch your scope of understanding, so that you have the education and awareness to protect this community.

In this case, we do not truly have free choice. We get around things to a degree but our civil liberties are being stripped more and more with each passing week. I implore you to take heed of these words.

My suggestions as a person who has successfully helped people to regain their health for 26 years is:

Support and listen to Reinette's ideas
Use your voice to get the covid dashboard to show how serious cases are...ie are they symptom free and healthy...mild...moderate...severe...
I was told yesterday that friends knew 5 new cases that were all completely healthy and without any symptoms. Otherwise, people see cases rising and are fearful.
Recommend that those that work a full time job switch to face shields versus masks. If they remain in masks, we are setting ourselves up for a very intense fall/winter of respiratory illness...as we are already beginning to see respiratory distress, in the summer!!
Do not recommend that children wear masks, especially in the summer and with the heat, as well as during times of physical activity, nor for long school hours.
Initiate a truly holistic health advisory committee comprised of people who live from afar but are treating covid successfully...as well as local healers well versed in building health and robustness.
Utilize KVMR to bring in these alternative health views on a regular basis to give us hope and empowerment. There are plenty out there.
Support dialogue between those of differing opinion...Division is tearing our community apart...and social media is not helping. This is already trickling down to discrimination seen in
children's peer circles. Please do all that you can to support true dialogue.

Pleas support the use of non toxic disinfectants. Similar to ddt being used during the polio outbreaks and yet causing paralysis, when I looked at the disinfectants being sprayed in China, they were respiratory irritants..causing for one bronchitis. There are EPA approved disinfectants such as hydrogen peroxide.

Use your voice to ensure that elders with covid are not put into senior care facilities.

Seek out our vulnerable and find creative ways to boost their immunity.

Please use your time to research these true solutions. Please use your voice to share these solutions.

I know that this is a very challenging time. You have taken a role as a leader. This is your time to be heroes...even though different than the mainstream news, and so at first perhaps not understandable o the common public, it is these measures that will truly protect out loved ones. A true leader, as Reinette exemplifies, does not seek to simply please the people, but truly protect them.

Let's be open, learn and then educate.

Your choices are going to significantly change and impact our children's life.

People think that we can put on a mask and this will be done in one month.

This is not going to be over in one month...and we need to start looking at and implementing ways to keep our community truly healthy.

Sincerely, Penelope Sullivan

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To the city council and the people of Nevada City,

Please add this message to the public record. This message is to inform you that by blindly following the mandate of the WHO, CDCP, and other private corporations presenting themselves as the planetary overload happens to be the way of corruption, greed control and major disinformation.

If you condemn the valiant and courageous stance of your mayor Reinette Senum for standing up and voicing a contradictory view to the collective as to following the mask wearing protocols or any other disinformation, then you have become the unconstitutional oppressors of humanity.

Know that the WHO guidelines and any Federal USA Inc. mandates are based on bad science, contrived statistics of Corona Cases and incorrect medical advice that any mask or social distancing are factors in a true pandemic.

Please count one more vote for reason and a stance against the treason and tyranny of this pandemic stage that is a crime against humanity.

Professor Fernando Vossa

Reinette Senum

Portfolio http://www.coroflot.com/vossa
Orion Waters <ravenbringslight@gmail.com> to me

Just wanted to say, I grew up in Nevada City, I have family in Nevada City and I think that the current mayor is awesome and I support her. Speaking the truth and clarifying confusing matters is her right and duty.

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"You must be the change you want to see in the world." Gandhi.
I am writing to express my support for our Mayor Reinette Senum. She is concerned about the citizens of our town and is standing up for those of us who believe that wearing masks and shutting down is actually harming our community.

Please do not punish this brave woman for standing up against the main-stream narrative. There are other medical opinions that are currently not being heard due to main-stream media and attempts to silence any alternative views. I implore you to consider the opinions of other professionals that are not backed by big corporations. I am a biologist and have been disgusted by the "studies" that are coming out to back up the main-stream narrative. If you actually read the studies it is clear that they are biased.

It is my personal belief that viruses are natural and should be allowed to run their natural course. Our county is not in a state of emergency, so why are we implementing contact tracing and mask wearing. What is the ultimate goal? Are we trying to stop the spread? Are we forgetting that every time we open up the virus will flare and will not go away until it has run it's course? What is the end game? Keep cases down until there is a vaccine? I for one am not comfortable taking a vaccine that will modify my genetics.

What is the ultimate price we as a community are willing to pay to play along with the government's game? How many local businesses will we lose. How many suicides will occur as a result? How many children will be abused? What is the long-term psychological effect that this will have on our children and our community? How many people will have long-term health issues that result from wearing masks 8 hrs./day?

Our Mayor has stood up for her town and should be commended, not punished. Please give her a round of applause for listening to the people and being brave enough to swim upstream. Many people went along with Hitler because they were uninformed and scared and just "doing their job" Please learn from this important historical event. Do not blindly follow because you are "just doing your job". Please do your research. There is an ever growing body of epidemiologists and doctors who are standing up against the narrative. As our leaders, I implore you to inform yourself about the fact that viruses are natural and have co-evolved with people for all of humanity. We can not control them, they will run their course with or without masks or a vaccine.

Thank you for your consideration of alternative ideas and for supporting Reinette in standing up for her town as every Mayor should do.

Jinnah Benn
Newtown Rd. Nevada City
Dear Nevada City Council Members:

Sending you some videos and links to watch regarding respectable authorities and their views on Covid and whether to mask or not.

Very compelling. I ask you to take the time to watch these few (of which there are many many more) and be well informed before making decisions that affect many people and that you will likely be held responsible for.

Thank you for your time.

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Belinda Clements
Dear Council Member,

Good morning,

Let it be known for public record that I stand behind Mayor Reinette Senum for speaking out about the media's misrepresentation of the CDPH's mask guidance that was falsely presented as an order from Governor Newsom.

Regardless of your stance on mask mandates, it is crucial that we hold the media accountable for reporting factual information.

Thank you,
-Nevada County Resident, Danika Griffin
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-Nevada County Resident, Bethany Eisinger
Writing on behalf of Reinette Senum,

before any of you berate her know that what she is saying is supported by many of us.

Simply have a look at this video then make a more intelligent decision in how you judge her.

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Jacqueline @ EscapeMatrix
Hello Ms. Olson,

I am a resident of Nevada County. I frequent businesses in Nevada City weekly.

I agree with Mayor Reinette Senum's personal public stance about face coverings. They should not be mandated/ordered by any government agency to be worn by people in public places. They are unhealthy physically, mentally and emotionally. Those who are vulnerable and/or immuno-compromised should have the freedom to choose to wear a face covering or quarantine themselves to protect their fragile health.

I urge you to join Mayor Senum and denounce the government orders of wearing face coverings in public.

Thank you,

Kimberly Carlson Farwell
Penn Valley, CA
To the Nevada City Council Members

I am a returning resident to Nevada City and times being what they are I have waded back into local politics during a very contentious time. Nevada City has a very diverse population in terms of mindset and personality. Here we are at another collision point for differing opinions in regards to Reinette Senum's Facebook post.

I see there is a group of community members who want to censure her for her statement about the governor's mandate. Her statement specified that the governor did not have the power to create a law on his own. This is an unprecedented time. I believe we are all trying to figure out what legal footing each executive order has as there have been several in a row now with no judicial or legislative input in the process. There is also a group of community members who felt that the governor was not unifying in the way he delivered his message, more the opposite. He implied that law enforcement would be engaged or other measures in a veiled threat. His rhetoric coincided with historic racial tensions and intense police and civil brutality towards people of color. Did he really expect that this extra tension of community profiling between law enforcement and the public would not reignite the worst race wars in modern time? lucky for all of us California law enforcement came out with a statement saying they would not enforce a mask law. But you know who came out and challenged him first? Our Mayor.

Many argue that it was a law for the greater good but I feel it was delivered in such a way and at a time that the conclusion of government overreach is totally within reason. Fear of Covid-19 is not the factor by which we should judge Reinette. In this case we need to take the entire context of the governor's actions as well as his timing into consideration. Not only Reinette, but a fair number of Californians saw the governor's mask order as a threat to civil liberties and if you are a person of color, a possible threat that could lead to the loss of your life.

I have found this to be a very confusing time for humanity and I too have misread the situation at times. In March I flew on a plane with my wife and the official government policy at the time was that masks didn't help. We wore them anyway. Now three months later our government in its own confusion has reversed its stance on masks completely. Are we really so sure of ourselves that we can know every truth and hold others accountable for doubting what we barely understand?

This is no easy time when it comes to judgement. I think our mayor has the best interest of our community at heart and has done a lot of good for Nevada City. She has spoken her truth which is her first amendment right. I honor her for that and I hope you do as well.

Sincerely,
Michael Foxly
Dear Sir or Madam,

I stand behind Mayor Reinette Senum for speaking out about the media’s misrepresentation of the CDPH’s mask guidance that was falsely presented as an order from Governor Newsom.

Regardless of your stance on mask mandates, it is crucial that we hold the media accountable for reporting factual information.

Please let this comment be a part of the public record.

W.F. Griffin
Nevada County Resident
Dear Honorable Council Members,

I would like it part of public record that I support Mayor Reinette Senum's remarks regarding current mask guidance as quoted in The Union: https://www.theunion.com/news/nevada-city-mayor-fuels-controversy-over-governors-mask-order/.

As you know, governors cannot make law without legislators, and there is no order on Governor Newsom's website. https://www.gov.ca.gov. Mask wearing is currently a recommendation in the state of California. I hope that you will stop misrepresented journalism in your community.

Jenna Hilton
Placer County resident, raised in Nevada City area
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Report a Concern

Form Text:
Please provide the information requested below to report a problem or concern to City Hall. If you would like to speak directly with a staff member, you may call City Hall at (530) 265-2496, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.-noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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Area of Concern
Other

Location of Concern
Grass Valley

Brief Description of the Issue
Stop Draconian restrictions that do little for health and contradict the health advice of medical doctors I have known for the last 50 yrs! I am treated like vermin in an old Nazi propaganda film vs. the Jews! Isolate them, do not talk to them, they carry disease!!!!

Response Requested
Email
Reinette has a long history of passion and commitment to Nevada City and its people. Her various opinions have not always been popular. However, she has ALWAYS stood up for what she felt was in the best interests of the citizens of Nevada City. The interesting thing is that in retrospect, in most of the cases, she ultimately has been on the right side of history. There are many new residents to the area that are not familiar with her history. They only have heard of certain things that her detractors have chosen, often out of context or even through outright lies, spread on social media, creating a firestorm. She has been instrumental in beginning some of the best things Nevada City has to offer: the Nevada City Farmers Market (which, believe it or not, had a lot of opposition), Commercial Street Boardwalk and even APPLE (Alliance for a Post Petroleum Local Economy). Each of these items drew intense opposition or ridicule at the time. Even her personal statement on police brutality (which was, in fact, misrepresented purposely by many), was unpopular at the time. Remember, it took those willing to take a risk and put themselves on the line that founded this country. Signing the Constitution was an act of treason. They weren’t necessarily popular but they were willing to create a Constitution that was for the betterment of the people- even those who disagreed with them. So whether it is police brutality or masks Reinette has a penchant for recognizing trends and acting on them to advance society in a positive direction. Sometimes ruffling feathers, for sure, but that is sometimes what is necessary to move forward. And please remember this: Reinette never once told people not to wear a mask. In fact, I personally have seen her wear them on many occasions before the studies and data started coming back that did not support that recommendation. Then she looked at the science and changed her mind. Everyone should have a right to make their own choice related to their health and well being. I believe, that is all that she is saying.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Janssen
12 Galena Way
Nevada City
Nevada City Council,

I am writing in the strongest terms possible with compelling information for the Nevada City Council and the Board of Supervisor to vote to terminate this "local health emergency.” I ask that this letter be submitted for the public record and added to the agenda.

The local health emergency and ALL orders emanating from it should be nullified, and not ratified by the Board of Supervisors, based on this irrefutable evidence:

**Health officers are violating two California laws:**
1) Calling for a local health emergency when there are no legal grounds, as defined in California law (ESA 8558 b) and CHSC Section 101080) and

2) Not providing "relevant information" to governmental entities, as required by HSC Div 105, Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 120175.5, which directs the health officers to provide evidence and information to the governing body regarding communicable diseases. If the BOS ratifies these illegal orders, they are complicit in violating these California laws:
   (ESA 8558 b)
   CHSC Section 101080) and
   HSC Div 105, Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 120175.5.

**DETAILS:**

Health officers are violating California Health and Safety Code section 101080, as follows:

**NO GROUNDS FOR A LOCAL EMERGENCY:**

There are no grounds for a local health emergency. According to the California Emergency Services Act (ESA), a *local health emergency* may only be proclaimed by a local health officer when:
1) There is a release or spill of material that is subsequently determined to be hazardous or medical waste, or

2) There is an "imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, noncommunicable biologic agent, toxin or radioactive agent"

Based on the definition of the above, there are NO GROUNDS for a local emergency in our county.

There is no imminent [definition: "about to happen"] or proximate [definition: "immediate"] threat. **Therefore the covid situation does not meet the definition for a local health emergency.**

The "introduction" of this disease was declared on February 25, several months ago. That does not meet the definition of an "introduction" of the disease. **Therefore the covid situation does not meet the definition for a local health emergency.**

It is the exact opposite. There has been a slowing of deaths. The numbers of "positive cases" are faulty because of the highly unreliability of the tests.

Health officers state as a reason for their local health emergency point (5) that "there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

How is that a local emergency? There is no effective vaccine for the flu, and there is no local emergency declared for flu season, where fewer county residents die each year, compared to covid-related deaths.

Further, health officers are violating California Health and Safety Code section 101080, as a local health emergency can only be called when there is an "imminent and proximate threat of the INTRODUCTION of any contagious, infectious or communicable disease..." There is no imminent and proximate threat, and there is no "introduction" of any disease. The introduction happened 3 months ago, so it no longer an EMERGENCY by definition.

**FURTHER, NO EVIDENCE FOR WEARING FACE MASKS:**
HSC Div 105, Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 120175.5 states that regarding the administration of communicable disease prevention and control,

"A local health officer must make any relevant information available to governmental entities."
This has not happened.

"Where is the science?"

Health officers have "passed the buck" and are breaking California law by not providing reputable evidence in favor of healthy or asymptomatic residents to wear face masks.

Health officers refer to CDC guidance, which has zero evidence regarding wearing face masks. None of the links provided by the CDC even mention wearing masks, let alone if they are effective.

Further, Health officers rely on guidance from the CDP as the evidence for the mask mandate.

Yet, here is what the CDPH states regarding face masks:

1. The CDPH states: [link is here]

   "Our best community and individual defense against COVID 19 is washing our hands frequently, avoiding touching our eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands, avoiding being around sick people and physical distancing, especially by staying at home."

2. "Face coverings may increase risk if users reduce their use of strong defenses,"

   "You may CHOOSE to wear a cloth face covering when you must be in public"

   "There is limited evidence to suggest that use of cloth face coverings by the public during a pandemic could help reduce disease transmission."

   And those "who feel comfortable wearing a mask should do so."

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administration of communicable disease prevention and control:

"A local health officer must make any relevant information available to governmental entities."

THUS,
WE, THE ELECTORATE, WHO OVERSEE THIS NEVADA CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CALL ON THE NEVADA CITY COUNCIL TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO NOT RATIFY THE UNLAWFUL AND INVALID LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY:

There are no grounds for a local health emergency based on California Law (ESA section 8558);

1) Calling for a local health emergency when there are no legal grounds, as defined in California law (ESA 8558 b) and

2) Not providing "relevant information" to governmental entities, as required by HSC Div 105, Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 120175.5, which directs the health officers to provide evidence and information to the governing body regarding communicable diseases.

Further questions that need to be clearly answered and publicly posted.

1. What is the legal definition of a local health emergency? For example mortality rate,
   Overwhelmed local hospital.
2. When is this local health emergency set to expire?
3. What is your governing authority in overseeing these health orders?
4. Where is the reputable medical science and evidence that supports healthy people wearing masks?
REFERENCES:

(2) California Department of Public Health states. "There is limited evidence to suggest that the use of cloth face coverings by the Public during a pandemic could help reduce disease transmission." "Face coverings may INCREASE RISK." [https://www.cdphe.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Face-Coverings-Guidance.aspx](https://www.cdphe.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Face-Coverings-Guidance.aspx)


(3) CAL/OSHA "Oxygen deficient atmosphere means an atmosphere with an oxygen content below 19.5% by volume." [https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5144.html](https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5144.html)


(5) Video showing no evidence from CDC references regarding masks: [https://tinyurl.com/ycoeckfv](https://tinyurl.com/ycoeckfv)


(7) Psychological harms of mask-wearing: Columbia University: "Many young children burst into tears or recoil when someone wearing a mask approaches. By putting on masks, we take away information that makes it especially difficult for children to recognize others and read emotional signals, which is unsettling and disconcerting." [https://bit.ly/2XDaASx](https://bit.ly/2XDaASx)


(9) "Face coverings present a possible choking or strangulation hazard to your child" [https://bit.ly/3cEX4SC](https://bit.ly/3cEX4SC)
(10) California Health and Safety Code Section 120290 -- **Exposure to an Infectious Disease in California.** The defendant must (a) know they are afflicted with an infectious disease and (b) the defendant acts with SPECIFIC INTENT to transmit that disease to another person [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=120290](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&sectionNum=120290).
Please note in this documentary that the ones that assist to destabilize the country will be ‘disposed of’ (shot) as soon as the job is done!

Which side of the fence do YOU sit? It's a very long documentary but vitally important for those in positions of power as they will then be truly informed and responsible for which side of the fence they sit.

Screen shots are from the documentary (they also tell of where in the doco) - the 'destabilization stage' takes around 25 years and has been completed in America. Take note of the next stages. The first part of the film could be where things will end up if people remain unaware of 'the big plan'. Very fragile times and 4th July (not because it is an American day, but because there is a massive planetary line-up) will herald in an even greater shake-up!

All the best Reinette

https://www.bitchute.com/video/q1XawLzrjK0/?fbclid=IwAR2rdj57t6b1JfnmW8ByNkkt2nJXqOapMYK27Fk-a4idB0h99foVKj4IeCo

Regards,

Stina

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Dear All,

Please note and put on record my formal expression of Gratitude and Appreciation to Reinette Senum - the current mayor of California town, Nevada City.

It is imperative that the voice of all independent, integrity based scientists, medical practitioners, researchers, as well as the voice of the citizens of your town, your state, USA and the world at large - the global community voice that is based on knowledge, research and common sense is heard and taken into account whenever the rightful well-being of all free citizens is concerned. This is one of these moments.

As the time is of essence here, I don’t personally, at this moment in time have the super long list of numerous relevant scientific studies, research papers and publications, presentations, opinions, etc available for inclusion with this post– there is so much out there and all is easily available to all willing to look into the matter, with honesty and integrity, hence this submission does not include the multitude of links yet is a valid vote and support for ALL willing, intelligent and honest to speak up and oppose all unhealthy and logically, medically, scientifically unjust requests / mandates, rules and regulations asking / forcing people to wear masks; undergo covid tests (which according to many doctors, researchers, specialists are formally documented to be inaccurate, unreliable and in some cases proven to be spreading the virus rather than testing for it); as well as multitude of rules and regulations limiting / impacting on freedom / health / well-being / all aspects of individual and society rights.

Every single person, anywhere and everywhere in this world, including Reinette Senum - the current mayor of a tiny California town, Nevada City, who shows the COURAGE and INTEGRITY to stand up and uphold The TRUTH, Common Sense, Honesty, Logic, TRUE VALUES is to be applauded, cherished and appreciated – definitely NOT censured, berated, negated.

This submission is posted trusting that all addressees’ are able to reach to / connect with and apply their True Mind and Soul Integrity and take an HONEST and JUST Action.

Regards,
Krys Krystal Clear
My name is Nancy Stockton-Bell I am 57 years old.
I’m from Rocklin, CA 95677.
I suffer from PTSD from a childhood sexual abuse.
I currently in counseling working through the scars and trauma.
Wearing a mask causes me great anxiety and causes triggers I’m working hard to overcome with my Counselor.

This who suffer PTSD
are one of the many that masks cause anxiety to the point that the choice becomes being home bound and hopeless.
Those with PTSD usually struggle with standing up in their own power. Therefore if the MASK does create a reaction, conscious or subconscious it will not be an option for them to go out even to get the essentials because of potential confrontation with store security, manager, or clerk.
Explaining they have a medical exemption can prove to overwhelming. This leaves them hopeless and helpless. And ultimately homebound.
I’m asking those of you who can help to help.
Educate and create awareness that there are those who can’t wear the face covering.
Instead of making them feel like criminals show compassion on them. Realizing we never know what another fellow human is suffering from and through.
My desire is to get businesses and citizens educated that there is a Medical Exemption in the Mandate. That it’s ok to think of your own health.
Thank you, in advance for doing the right thing for those you represent.
Yours in Health,
Nancy Stockton-Bell

Sent from my iPhone

My heart is to help others with PTSD
We are one of the many that masks cause anxiety to the point that the choice becomes being home bound and hopeless.
Even unable to go to the grocery store without knowing if you will be engaged in a confrontation, then explanation about your medical exemption.
Those with PTSD usually struggle with standing up in their own power. Therefore if the MASK does create a reaction, conscious or subconscious it will not be an option for them.
My desire is to get businesses and citizens educated that there is a Medical Exemption in the Mandate.
There is much confusion about the fact it is not a law.
And those who suffer from PTSD do qualify for this exemption.
The worst part is feeling like a criminal for protecting your own health.
I sincerely ask you to understand this and make the information available to all that it is a recommendation not a law. And to have compassion on those who should not wear a face covering/mask.
Yours in health,
Nancy Stockton-Bell

Sent from my iPhone
Hello,

Please have this submitted to public comment.

I would like to write on behalf of and in support of Reinette.

My concern is that you as the city council, do not quite know what to do with Reinette, feel that she consistently stirs the pot on controversial topics....and feel that she does not represent all of the constituents.

I want to say that as a constituent, I cannot tell you how fortunate and how honored I am, to say, "Reinette Senum is my mayor."...and can truly say that she, more than any elected official that I know, has the people's back, and well being on her mind....

She cares so much for people's well being that she is willing to repeatedly and regularly be chastised and ridiculed, and yet she does not give up caring or educating.

I liken her to Rachel Carson whose quote shows how ddt was so freely used on the masses and within the environment, "...Although today's poisons are more dangerous than any known before, they have amazingly become something to be showered down indiscriminately from the skies. ....".

Now of course we know that ddt is highly toxic..but at that time they were literally spraying ddt on children, to stop the spread of polio.
Most people were fine with their children being sprayed with ddt...and in fact you can find commercials with cute little musical songs being played while trucks went by spraying people. Children were literally sprayed while at school.
Now we know that ddt exposure causes paralysis.
Similar to unquestioningly advocating for ddt, many people are now unquestioningly advocating for the masses to wear masks.
People say, "...It is a simple thing..Just put on the mask.".
Mask wearing though is not a simple thing...and it is not without risk...and with risk..there must be consent...and careful and unbiased consideration.
Yesterday, I heard a first hand account of a pregnant mother that developed respiratory issues from having to wear her mask at work for 9 hours, 5 days per week. SHe was told to go and test for covid. The test was negative. Her doctor told her it was from wearing her mask for so many hours.
She said that she washed it daily. He said that it did not matter and that she was breathing in mold and bacteria, from the mask, for 9 hours each day.
From this she developed a respiratory infection.
She is the third local woman that I have heard of developing complications from mask wearing and the tenth person in total that I have heard of developing complications, some of which were quite serious, including two teen boys that DIED while being REQUIRED to wear their mask during PE class, during physical exams, two collapsed lungs, two cases of severe lung infection, 3 people losing consciousness and one of those driving into a tree, and one case of strep throat, worsened by mask wearing at a full time job. Most of these were accounts that happened to friends of friends.
The two boys were in China.
Reinette is the canary in the mine so to speak that ultimately could save the city loads of legal litigation because I can guarantee many will sue if their children are forced to wear a mask to school and any child is injured.
People are already talking about suing officials and county government because they do not have a choice in these directives being mandated and heavily "recommended".
Your recommendations as well as the policy that you decide to uphold will shape our community.
With that you have the responsibility to research those long term ramifications, beyond the CDC and WHO...as the allopathic model is fraught with conflict of interest and is based upon a pharmaceutical monopoly.
If this becomes a true issue with workers and they begin to understand the danger that they may be in, they too may follow with litigation.
If the council does not choose to educate the public, we the citizens that are aware of these risks, will begin podcasts and interviews...and social media groups...and we will get this information and education out there...We will find out our legal rights...and we will make those known.
It would be so much better to work harmoniously with the county and feel that we can be a team in promoting health, than pitted against one another.
I would like my words to be taken seriously and yet with the understanding that it would be such a relief if we could trust the local officials to read beyond the mainstream narrative, as Reinette has always done. We want to work with you! If my words have any tone of ill boding, it is because we the people, feel threatened, not from the virus, but from the choices being set in place, to "protect" us.
This is for a disease that the BMJ stated that China shows may have 4/5 cases being asymptomatic.
As a health practitioner for 26 years, breath is the foundation of life...It is what alkalinizes are blood...it brings us health and vitality, it calms the nerves...it influences so many aspects of our well being.
Studies show that long term mask wearing is detrimental in limiting this vital resource.
Reinette knows this and has initiated working with my father and I to manufacture face shields, a much healthier solution to those that must wear face coverings for their job. I hope that Reinette is commended for this action and the public knows that it is an act that she initiated, specifically to protect Nevada County.
Reinette is not anti-mask, she is pro thought and consideration..and understands that this is not a one size fits all solution.
Reinette is also the ONLY elected official that has vocalized support of a holistic health advisory committee. It is ludicrous to me that we as a county have not done anything to promote health information, solely relying on mitigation procedures such as social distancing, mask wearing, glove wearing and disinfectants. We could be doing so much more to protect our community.
We must realize that officials say that herd immunity is hard to acquire for this illness. We have to note that we are doing everything in our being to prevent developing herd
immunity...and that even subtle boosting by exposure, as we have done for our entire state of existence makes us stronger. Those that are truly weak, we need to as a community, figure out how to protect and boost their immunity...not segregate and isolate them...where they feel confused, isolated and depressed.

When we asked the Board of Supervisors about developing a holistic health team, Dr. Cutler and Heidi Hall said that we have experts and listen to the WHO, CDC and our local experts. I want to point out so strongly that these "experts" are saying that there is no known treatment. I will repeat that, these experts are saying that there is no known treatment.

Reinette on the other hand, has advocated for bringing in outside experts that ARE SUCCESSFULLY treating covid patients....WITH NATURAL METHODS....IN SEVERE CASES.

Deeply frustrated that this was not happening in our community, as well as deeply inspired that this IS happening in the world, I made it a point to interview a Manhattan integrative physician, Dr. Miriam Rahav, that is currently treating covid patients.

This is vital information that our community needs. If our elected officials continue to promote only the allopathic model, community members will suffer...we the citizens will seek out this knowledge.

This is a life changing time...which may have very serious ramifications....and instead of coming together with these type of solutions, the city stands in silence.

Reinette is suggesting a different course. Some of her constituents see this because we too are seeing these successes in the world that are not being shared by the mainstream media. In fact, Dr. Rahav said that she was suspicious as these stories were not being picked up by the press...and they are happening....Instead we only see death and despair.

It is your absolute duty, in this time that will impact all of our lives forever, to be willing to look outside of the box. If some of your constituents are so scared, and understandably so if they read only the mainstream news, it is your duty to take the time, as Reinette has, to stretch your scope of understanding, so that you have the education and awareness to protect this community.

In this case, we do not truly have free choice. We get around things to a degree but our civil liberties are being stripped more and more with each passing week. I implore you to take heed of these words.

My suggestions as a person who has successfully helped people to regain their health for 26 years is:

Support and listen to Reinette's ideas

Use your voice to get the covid dashboard to show how serious cases are...ie are they symptom free and healthy...mild...moderate...severe...

I was told yesterday that friends knew 5 new cases that were all completely healthy and without any symptoms. Otherwise, people see cases rising and are fearful.

Recommend that those that work a full time job switch to face shields versus masks. If they remain in masks, we are setting ourselves up for a very intense fall/winter of respiratory illness...as we are already beginning to see respiratory distress, in the summer!!

Do not recommend that children wear masks, especially in the summer and with the heat, as well as during times of physical activity, nor for long school hours.

Initiate a truly holistic health advisory committee comprised of people who live from afar but are treating covid successfully...as well as local healers well versed in building health and robustness.

Utilize KVMR to bring in these alternative health views on a regular basis to give us hope and empowerment. There are plenty out there.

Support dialogue between those of differing opinion...Division is tearing our community apart...and social media is not helping. This is already trickling down to discrimination seen in
children's peer circles. Please do all that you can to support true dialogue.

Please support the use of non toxic disinfectants. Similar to ddt being used during the polio outbreaks and yet causing paralysis, when I looked at the disinfectants being sprayed in China, they were respiratory irritants..causing for one bronchitis. There are EPA approved disinfectants such as hydrogen peroxide.

Use your voice to ensure that elders with covid are not put into senior care facilities.

Seek out our vulnerable and find creative ways to boost their immunity.

Please use your time to research these true solutions. Please use your voice to share these solutions.

I know that this is a very challenging time. You have taken a role as a leader. This is your time to be heroes...even though different than the mainstream news, and so at first perhaps not understandable o the common public, it is these measures that will truly protect our loved ones. A true leader, as Reinette exemplifies, does not seek to simply please the people, but truly protect them.

Let's be open, learn and then educate.

Your choices are going to significantly change and impact our children's life.

People think that we can put on a mask and this will be done in one month.

This is not going to be over in one month...and we need to start looking at and implementing ways to keep our community truly healthy.

Sincerely, Penelope Sullivan

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To the city council and the people of Nevada City,

Please add this message to the public record. This message is to inform you that by blindly following the mandate of the WHO, CDCP, and other private corporations presenting themselves as the planetary overload happens to be the way of corruption, greed control and major disinformation.

If you condemn the valiant and courageous stance of your mayor Reinette Senum for standing up and voicing a contradictory view to the collective as to following the mask wearing protocols or any other disinformation, then you have become the unconstitutional oppressors of humanity.

Know that the WHO guidelines and any Federal USA Inc. mandates are based on bad science, contrived statistics of Corona Cases and incorrect medical advice that any mask or social distancing are factors in a true pandemic.

Please count one more vote for reason and a stance against the treason and tyranny of this pandemic stage that is a crime against humanity.

Professor Fernando Vossa

Reinette Senum

Portfolio http://www.coroflot.com/vossa
I support the Mayor

Orion Waters <ravenbringslight@gmail.com>

to me

Just wanted to say, I grew up in Nevada City, I have family in Nevada City and I think that the current mayor is awesome and I support her! Speaking the truth and clarifying confusing matters is her right and duty.

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"You must be the change you want to see in the world." Gandhi.
CAUTION: This email originated from outside of County of Nevada email system. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I want to thank Reinette Senum for speaking out against all of the lies and misinformation about covid 19.

According to the CDC, the deaths from covid 19 are just a little higher than a bad flu season, like 2018/19.

Many experts have spoken out about the draconian measures our government has imposed on its citizens. These many experts never get invited to speak on the mainstream media.

Ms. Senum has the courage to speak truth to power and I applaud her.

Peggy Bean
SOS Radio
Thank you for taking your position about not wearing a mask!! You are correct. When I heard this on KNCO I thought they were talking about Grass Valley Mayor so I sent her a text applauding her....Woops...She knows my feeling now., and so do you. Great Job

Jim Barker
Cedar Ridge CA.
Form Name:
Report a Concern

Form Text:
Please provide the information requested below to report a problem or concern to City Hall. If you would like to speak directly with a staff member, you may call City Hall at (530) 265-2496, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.-noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Please understand that this service is not to be used to report an emergency situation. In the event of an emergency please dial 9-1-1.

Name Kelli Barlow
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Phone Number 5302635088
Area of Concern Other
Location of Concern Nevada County

Brief Description of the Issue
I just wanted to state my FULL support for Mayor Reinette Senum. We the people stand with her on this bs mask order that isn't even legal! Nobody is bashing anyone that chooses to wear one, so stop bashing the people that don't want to wear one, it is our constitutional right not too!!! I wish more of our leaders would stand up for us as she has. Stop being sheep and following and believing everything you hear. This is all a bunch of crap and everyone knows it, the jig is up. We will not be told what to do! We pay our taxes which pays all your salaries, remember you work for us not the other way around. These masks are actually making people sick wearing them. I know someone that got strep throat from wearing one day in and day out. We never shut the country down or wore masks for the flu so let's cut all the bs and get on with living!!!!!
Dear Councilors,

As you undoubtedly know, the face mask ordinance issued in California is AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE (https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2762694?fbclid=IwAR2RE-c4V-fhUodui0JQRbiHRcgEJuDKG_21N4olL5ZAfciQfWCyHAs5Umo). All clinical evidence shows that, while restricting infectivity from a diseased population, the masking of a healthy population is NOT supported by any clinical science. Having conducted medical device clinical trials for the U.S. FDA for years, it is imperative for you to understand that your compliance with an ILLEGAL and HARMFUL order places you in moral and legal jeopardy. I am involved in filing cases against elected officials and you are hereby on NOTICE that you are contemplating an unlawful act. For your convenience, I’m attaching our recent case filed in Massachusetts. Governor Newsom has been more egregious in his abuses and is soon to be facing actions similar to this filing. A decision to be on the side of tyranny places each of you in the position of the wrong side of history in this case.

A careful review of the recent literature cited by face mask adherents shows that the studies have only involved masking the ill or those in health care settings. There can be NO justification for jeopardizing the heat stroke and hypoxia injury risk associated with masking a healthy and active population.

Please use wisdom, conscience and science if you value any of them.

David

Dr. David E. Martin
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Purple Bridge Management
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A Verb…an Integral Function of the Universe
Good Day Council Members,

After seeing all of the downright vile, mean spirited attacks, true ignorance and oh so rude reactionary comments on Reinette Senum's Facebook page, I had voice my concerns... The Post I am referring to is the Peggy Hall video with comments in regards to the wearing of face masks NOT BEING THE LAW and UNCONSTITUTIONAL. I'm sure you know the one... She has every RIGHT to her opinion and should not have to deal with such insane BULLING simply because she has a differing opinion!

Please know that I am in full support of Reinettes' stance regarding the UNCONSTITUTIONAL "Face Muzzling" of Nevada County!

FINALLY!!! WE HAVE "ONE" EXCEPTIONALLY BRAVE OFFICIAL STANDING UP FOR US and not cowering to the whims of that Unconstitutional Commie Governor Nuisance! "BRAVO" goes out to Reinette!

In addition, I cannot understand why all of you Council Members, as well as Sheriff Moon, have been complete "NO SHOWS" when myself, Free Nevada County Group, and The Freedom Angels have asked to speak to you at the Rood Center! Why are you hiding?!? I have also sent my attached letter(s) to Sheriff Moon and all of the Council Members.....NOT one response?!?

Will not ONE OF YOU Stand up for us as Reinette has?!?
Sheeple can't be bothered to read "Rockefeller: Medicine Men" to learn how an ENTIRE MEDICAL INDUSTRY was hijacked to allow a small percentage of the criminal class to profit off the ignorance and misery of millions with the allopathic model of "medicine" while mocking and ridiculing the REAL healing science of homeopathy, holistic and functional medicine. How these few BOUGHT control of the medical schools AND media of this nation to promote their pseudoscience, drugs, and vaccines! Big Pharma is a business, it makes 50 Billion from Vaccines and 500 BILLION from the effects of vaccines! That should tell you something right there!

You see, what SHEEPLE believe in is the REAL snake oil created by the original snake oil salesman himself, John D. Rockefeller Sr. But, yeah, those so-called "medical professionals" (Gates, Fauci, and Brix to name a few) on their "factual research" soapbox are doing such wonders for our county, the nation, and the world!! (interject sarcasm)

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I WILL NOT COMPLY - I DO NOT CONSENT

Wearing a mask in order to avoid catching a virus is like erecting a chain-link fence to deter mosquitoes!

And, to all of the masked people, the order takers who are outraged with the ones not wearing a face muzzle,
Are people mandated to wear face muzzles because of TB? The answer to this rhetorical question is a big fat "NO!"
Why then COVID-19...you ask? Big Bank & Big Corporations Financial Gain, the Presidential Election is on the Horizon-Democrats want to crush the economy, and they are Testing Our Compliance!

![Disease Deaths Per Day Worldwide Table]

Because Many a Truth is Told in Jest I'll close with a bit of comedy...
MASK OFF (Video: 3:23)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1yKWubzjD-k

Thank you for your time,

Holli Diel - Nevada County resident of 40 years.
Good Day, Sheriff Moon,

June 4, 2020

Please take a moment to read my letter.

Holli Diel: An open letter to Sheriff Moon - The Union Newspaper dated, May 31, 2020. (Link below, also attached)

Additional thoughts and facts below:

THIS is what economic and political terrorism looks like! CDC admitted they screwed up COVID19 infection counts and intentionally misled the public and have apologized, clarifying that the amount of people truly infected is much lower than what was originally reported.

An error so egregious it made the director of the Harvard Global Health Institute say, “how could the CDC make this mistake? This has been a complete debacle.

The American Coronavirus Task Force also admitted to fudging the National COVID19 death count when Dr. Birx said the deaths are people who died “with” COVID19 not “from” COVID19, thus making the real death count much lower than what was currently being reported.

Dr. Anthony Fauci admitted masks won’t help against the virus and mask manufacturers are now including warnings that their products do not deter COVID19. He also said that continuing to close the country could cause irreparable damage.

CDC backtracked their initial claim that led governors to shutdown their states & clarified that COVID19 does not spread easily on surfaces.

Governor of New York Andrew Cuomo confirmed a recent health study showing that 70% of new infections actually originate at home, thus making the stay at home orders one of the most dangerous mandates currently in place.

Trump stopped funding the WHO and threatened to cut off money permanently until they can prove they are no longer corruptly influenced by communist China after they lied to our country about human transmission of COVID19 in January.

The curve is flattened, the CDC, WHO, Dr. Fauci, our governors, and many more were completely wrong about the potential threat of this virus! Even California is opening up sooner than anyone expected because the evidence contradicts the longstanding and inaccurate narrative still upheld by the extremely dishonest & corrupt media.

If you are still living in fear, don’t be. The media, global organizations, the government, and its agencies
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Sources: CDC, WHO, THE LANCET - CORRECT AS OF MARCH 9, 2020
Dear City Council Members and Officials,

I am reaching out today to express my sincere support of Mayor Reinette Senum. I am not alone in this position; I speak for myself, my fiance, and many of my community members in this action.

She portrays true leadership by standing up for the rights of citizens of Nevada City. We expect our elected officials to be diligent in protecting our deepest wellbeing, even if it is controversial to speak out against the mainstream narrative. Oftentimes, these issues are complicated, but it just takes a little more initiative, questioning, research, and critical thinking to find the underlying truths. I applaud Reinette for taking the time and energy to do her job properly, and for having the courage to speak out in service of her community.

Mayor Semun has my unequivocal support, and I feel safer in this town knowing she is there fighting for us.

Sincerely,
Laura Dupont
She is correct in her statement that Gavin Newsom’s recent order for all Californians to wear masks when in public was not legitimate. You should be proud of her for standing up to this man! I wish we had someone like her to stand up for us in Huntington Beach Please visit Peggy Hall’s - The Healthy American YouTube channel for the truth. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwC7VpIHS2uJzJ0q5l11oQA

Cathy Edman
To Nevada City Council People,

See below an e-mail which I sent to Reinette this morning, thanking her for her bravery in standing up for all citizens regarding the illegal mandate the Governor of CA is trying to force on all CA residents. I hope that you all are equally as brave in protecting your residence from illegal actions which violate the Constitutional rights of all citizens.

Sincerely,

Dianne Foster
530 367-3553

Hello Reinette,

I saw your comments in the newspaper regarding your stance against the Governor’s illegal position on forcing people to wear masks. I for one, refuse to wear one, unless I am going for a doctor’s appointment which makes more sense. But for every day activities I will not wear a mask. I will not shop in stores that require a mask. Social distance (which probably makes more sense) and wearing a mask is redundant.

Thank you for being so brave to take a stance on this illegal act on the part of the Governor. I wish more people like you, who are in a leadership role in running cities and counties would push back, on behalf of all citizens. I was glad to learn from the article written on your comments, that the authorities will not be enforcing the wearing of masks. Good to know because I figure I would go to jail, before I would cave to the Governor’s dictatorial behavior.

Dianne Foster
Foresthill, CA
530 367-3553
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Street Address: 2201 Americana Dr
Phone Number: 916-772-9611
Area of Concern: Other
Location of Concern: Nevada City
Brief Description of the Issue: Thank you for having people rights as a concern. And not trying to enforce the wearing of mask I wish more mayors would stand up for their residents rights. God Bless you stay strange most of the people are with you
Response Requested: None
Good Day Council Members, After seeing all of the downright vile, mean spirited attacks, truly sickening, ignorant, and oh so rude reactionary comments on Reinette Senum's Facebook page, I had to voice my concerns! The Post I am referring to is the Peggy Hall video with comments in regards to the wearing of face masks NOT BEING THE LAWand UNCONSTITUTIONAL. I'm sure you know the one...She has every RIGHT to her opinion and should not have to deal with such insane BULLING simply because she has a differing opinion! Please know that I am in full support of Reinette's stance regarding the UNCONSTITUTIONAL "Face Muzzling" of Nevada County! FINALLY!!! WE HAVE "ONE" EXCEPTIONALLY BRAVE OFFICIAL STANDING UP FOR US and not cowering to the whims of that Unconstitutional Commie Governor.
I’m Brent Hurst.
I currently live on Maui but used to live next door to you in Grass Valley. I have a good # of friends that live there, that I am in touch with.
I recently heard about the special city council meeting this June 30th, regarding Mayor Reinette Senum’s Facebook post - to censor her, for that post.
I am highly opposed to this and am spreading the word.

If you yourselves want to breathe your own air in a mask, that is your choice, but do not tell others as well as Mayor Senum that it is wrong.
It is unconstitutional. Freedom of speech.

Aloha,

Brent Hurst
Dear Councillors

It has come to my attention that Reinette Senum is being censured and berated for standing up for her people. The mask-wearing mandate is illegal and should not be enforced. Masks are harmful. One doesn't need a degree in science to figure this out. It's common sense. One has to wonder about the agenda of people who are trying to enforce these unlawful regulations. Are they trying to make people sick in order to justify the lockdown?

Anyone who is bold enough to stand up for their community deserves our utmost respect and full support. May many others come forward to join Reinette.

Sincerely
Nicola Kafula
Her Facebook post, Senum said, was not about masks per se, but about the legality of an “executive order” from Newsom.

"An **executive order** may be a general policy statement made by the **Governor**. The **order** does not have the force and effect of law. *The purpose of such an order is to persuade or encourage persons, both within and without government, to accomplish the Governor's policy set out in the order.*"  

Additionally, business can refuse to take and process 'to go' orders from the maskless as most are now doing. These are personal decisions for business owners, similar to the choice to turn away shirtless, shoeless, dogs [except service animals] The state government has no mandate to require masks.

Reinette's comments were informative and timely. There was nothing to suggest that she recommends mass throwing of masks in the air while popping champagne corks.

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Name: Marta Lisa Stone
Email Address: martalisa@att.net
Street Address: 12865 Chatsworth Lane
Phone Number: 530-4775317
Area of Concern: Other
Location of Concern: Nevada County

Brief Description of the Issue: Just in support of Mayor Reinett Senum thank to her who would stand up for our community about not wearing mask. There are people getting sick in this community wearing them. And wanting to pass out. It is our own right to make our own decisions! Where are the others to back our mayor? Our community needs people to stand up and not be afraid. We have our rights!!!
Mask do not work look it up!

Response Requested: Email

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Name
Cherí Olson JD

Email Address
Mocotolo@juno.com

Street Address
227 Robin St, PennValley

Phone Number
5306158603

Area of Concern
Other

Location of Concern
Citywide

Brief Description of the Issue
Thank you for not pursuing mandatory mask wearing by citizenry. You are in the right, in so many ways! It’s not our county’s way, there are no outbreaks threatening the majority of our residents, Covid19’s death rate is no greater than flu according to CDC, no other virus with similar death rates requires mask wearing by the population, NIH Dr Fauci and other experts agree mask wearing doesn’t help, there’s no valid studies or science to back mask wearing by population for germ protection, and it’s an unconstitutional requirement given by an overreaching Governor. Our county needs to work and bring in tourism; masks thwart those goals. Our county has suffered so much, starting with the fires, followed by blackouts, then Covid19, and now the bussed-in agitators, not our county’s folk, protesting “White Supremests in Nevada County”, the latter of which I’ve
never heard of except by those who brought their urban problems with them on their bus ride. Help us

Response Requested  Email

Sent from IP Address: 107.77.245.31
Dear Nevada City Council members and Mayor:

I am a retired Registered Respiratory Therapist, fully trained and experienced in all forms of masks and how and when to use them. I am also trained and experienced in the measurement of oxygen in the bloodstream, and the diseases and conditions that result in or from the lack of proper oxygenation.

The wearing of masks for extended lengths of time by untrained masses is detrimental to the health of the individual and to the entire community. Re-breathing CO2 is bad enough, but add to that the bacterial contamination within and without the mask, and you have a recipe for illness.

Reinette Senum, your mayor, is right and correct to protest this unhealthy practice. Innumerable doctors, nurses, microbiologists, etc., agree with Mayor Senum, but their voices are being silenced and censored by controlled opposition to scientific facts.

Why are they being censored? Why are scientifically trained and medically trained individuals not being allow to bring for their data? I know the answer; do you?

Governor Newsom's attempt to force people to wear masks is illegal and immoral. The people behind the governor who are mandating this unhealthy practice are obviously misguided at the least, and anti-humanity at the worst. The wearing of masks by the untrained masses must be protested for the sake of our communities!

The truth will come out. Soon, I hope, before any more suffering, illness, and death occurs because of this illegal and immoral order by ignorant (or greedy?) politicians and legislators that hurts their own constituents.

And when the truth does come out, who will be held accountable? All who supported this irresponsible and detrimental practice by requiring public masking will be sued and/or cast out of office. Soon. It's only a matter of time.

So, City Council Members, are you pro or anti-humanity? I challenge you to take a stand with your mayor. Join her in doing what is right or face the consequences of your actions in the very near future. The truth cannot be censored for much longer. People are waking up and they are getting very angry.

I implore you to do the right thing. Now is the time.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Pacheco, RRT
Acynti2@gmail.com
To whom it may concern

I am writing in support of Mayor Reinette Senum of Nevada city.

Where is the evidence to support the ruling of wearing a mask in public?

Where were the double blind trials to give evidence that this course of action is effective?

Who actually commissioned this directive?

What can the residents of Mayor Senum's town do to register that they are under duress to practice mask wearing, when ultimately not one has consented to participating in this social experiment?

This contravenes the basic rights of all of the citizens affected by the rule.

Yours sincerely

Marie Pearce

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.
From: formbuilder@municipalnotices.com
To: Catrina Olson; Bubba Highsmith
Subject: Report a Concern
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 5:22:50 PM

Form Name: Report a Concern

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Name: Shanna Stone
Email Address: rmsstone@hotmail.com
Street Address: 17862 Sunfish Ct
Phone Number: 5309134454
Area of Concern: Other
Location of Concern: Nevada city
Brief Description of the Issue: I just want to praise the Nevada city mayor for actually standing up for her people! I may not live in Nevada city itself, but I and MANY MANY others stand behind her! She is incredibly brave to go against the side of bullying, and speak the truth! I am so Happy to see that some of our government officials are not cowards!!! I'm telling everyone I know to rally behind her! I truly hope that Mayor Senum knows that there is a huge number of people who are behind her, and she stays Strong!!!

Response Requested: Email

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Name Jan Taché

Email Address tache@together.net

Street Address

Phone Number

Area of Concern Other

Location of Concern Concerns about the Mayor's viewpoints

Brief Description of the Issue
For me and my family, one of the best things about Nevada City is the freedom of expression, the open dialog on such emotional and disputed subjects as the installation of 5G, the media lockstep on vaccination science, the current pandemic. The free expression of all views by all members of our community, including Reinette, make NC a real and vibrant democracy. Our MSM is controlled by corporate interests, and it urges us to walk in a lockstep. It is our duty locally to search out the truth, the real science, swim against the current if necessary. And that takes a special kind of courage. For my family, Reinette is a treasure. We don't always agree, but we love to hear all viewpoints. Let's not try to silence anyone.

Response Requested None
Nevada City, Nevada County and California should thank Reinette Senum for questioning the authority of Governor Gavin Newsom’s unilateral decision to purchase nearly one billion dollars of Chinese-produced face masks and mandating their wearing in public. He is not a monarch! The multi-generational corruption in California politics is well-known, documented and includes members of his extended family.

Our way of life under our sacred Constitution has been under siege since well before President Woodrow Wilson’s Administration. We are being attacked not only by Antifa thugs and other opportunists but also by George Soros, Bill Gates and the whole New World Order movement. Do we want to live under the auspices of the United Nations? I think not!

Reinette has every right, nay, a duty to awaken us.

Weldon Travis
Retired Peace Officer (Marin County) and Oath Keeper
Rough and Ready
432-8866
Blaylock: Face Masks Pose Serious Risks To The Healthy

Dr. Russell Blaylock warns that not only do face masks fail to protect the healthy from getting sick, but they also create serious health risks to the wearer. The bottom line is that if you are not sick, you should not wear a face mask.

As businesses reopen, many are requiring shoppers and employees to wear a face mask. Costco, for instance, will not allow shoppers into the store without wearing a face mask. Many employers are requiring all employees to wear a face mask while at work. In some jurisdictions, all citizens must wear a face mask if they are outside of their own home. 

TN Editor

With the advent of the so-called COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen a number of medical practices that have little or no scientific support as regards reducing the spread of this infection. One of these measures is the wearing of facial masks, either a surgical-type mask, bandana or N95 respirator mask. When this pandemic began and we knew little about the
virus itself or its epidemiologic behavior, it was assumed that it would behave, in terms of spread among communities, like other respiratory viruses. Little has presented itself after intense study of this virus and its behavior to change this perception.

This is somewhat of an unusual virus in that for the vast majority of people infected by the virus, one experiences either no illness (asymptomatic) or very little sickness. Only a very small number of people are at risk of a potentially serious outcome from the infection—mainly those with underlying serious medical conditions in conjunction with advanced age and frailty, those with immune compromising conditions and nursing home patients near the end of their lives. There is growing evidence that the treatment protocol issued to treating doctors by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), mainly intubation and use of a ventilator (respirator), may have contributed significantly to the high death rate in these select individuals.

_By wearing a mask, the exhaled viruses will not be able to escape and will concentrate in the nasal passages, enter the olfactory nerves and travel into the brain._

_Russell Blaylock, MD_

As for the scientific support for the use of face mask, a recent careful examination of the literature, in which 17 of the best studies were analyzed, concluded that, “None of the studies established a conclusive relationship between mask/respirator use and protection against influenza infection.” Keep in mind, no studies have been done to demonstrate that either a cloth mask or the N95 mask has any effect on transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Any recommendations, therefore, have to be based on studies of influenza virus transmission. And, as you have seen, there is no conclusive evidence of their efficiency in
controlling flu virus transmission.

It is also instructive to know that until recently, the CDC did not recommend wearing a face mask or covering of any kind, unless a person was known to be infected, that is, until recently. Non-infected people need not wear a mask. When a person has TB we have them wear a mask, not the entire community of non-infected. The recommendations by the CDC and the WHO are not based on any studies of this virus and have never been used to contain any other virus pandemic or epidemic in history.

Now that we have established that there is no scientific evidence necessitating the wearing of a face mask for prevention, are there dangers to wearing a face mask, especially for long periods? Several studies have indeed found significant problems with wearing such a mask. This can vary from headaches, to increased airway resistance, carbon dioxide accumulation, to hypoxia, all the way to serious life-threatening complications.

There is a difference between the N95 respirator mask and the surgical mask (cloth or paper mask) in terms of side effects. The N95 mask, which filters out 95% of particles with a median diameter $>0.3 \ \mu m^2$, because it impairs respiratory exchange (breathing) to a greater degree than a soft mask, and is more often associated with headaches. In one such study, researchers surveyed 212 healthcare workers (47 males and 165 females) asking about presence of headaches with N95 mask use, duration of the headaches, type of headaches and if the person had preexisting headaches.\(^2\)

They found that about a third of the workers developed headaches with use of the mask, most had preexisting headaches that were worsened by the mask wearing, and 60% required pain medications for relief. As to
the cause of the headaches, while straps and pressure from the mask could be causative, the bulk of the evidence points toward hypoxia and/or hypercapnia as the cause. That is, a reduction in blood oxygenation (hypoxia) or an elevation in blood CO2 (hypercapnia). It is known that the N95 mask, if worn for hours, can reduce blood oxygenation as much as 20%, which can lead to a loss of consciousness, as happened to the hapless fellow driving around alone in his car wearing an N95 mask, causing him to pass out, and to crash his car and sustain injuries. I am sure that we have several cases of elderly individuals or any person with poor lung function passing out, hitting their head. This, of course, can lead to death.

A more recent study involving 159 healthcare workers aged 21 to 35 years of age found that 81% developed headaches from wearing a face mask. Some had pre-existing headaches that were precipitated by the masks. All felt like the headaches affected their work performance.

Unfortunately, no one is telling the frail elderly and those with lung diseases, such as COPD, emphysema or pulmonary fibrosis, of these dangers when wearing a facial mask of any kind—which can cause a severe worsening of lung function. This also includes lung cancer patients and people having had lung surgery, especially with partial resection or even the removal of a whole lung.

While most agree that the N95 mask can cause significant hypoxia and hypercapnia, another study of surgical masks found significant reductions in blood oxygen as well. In this study, researchers examined the blood oxygen levels in 53 surgeons using an oximeter. They measured blood oxygenation before surgery as well as at the end of surgeries. The researchers found that the mask reduced the blood oxygen levels (paO2) significantly. The longer the duration of wearing the mask, the greater the fall in blood oxygen levels.
The importance of these findings is that a drop in oxygen levels (hypoxia) is associated with an impairment in immunity. Studies have shown that hypoxia can inhibit the type of main immune cells used to fight viral infections called the CD4+ T-lymphocyte. This occurs because the hypoxia increases the level of a compound called hypoxia inducible factor-1 (HIF-1), which inhibits T-lymphocytes and stimulates a powerful immune inhibitor cell called the Tregs. This sets the stage for contracting any infection, including COVID-19 and making the consequences of that infection much graver. In essence, your mask may very well put you at an increased risk of infections and if so, having a much worse outcome.\textsuperscript{5,6,7}

People with cancer, especially if the cancer has spread, will be at a further risk from prolonged hypoxia as the cancer grows best in a microenvironment that is low in oxygen. Low oxygen also promotes inflammation which can promote the growth, invasion and spread of cancers.\textsuperscript{8,9} Repeated episodes of hypoxia has been proposed as a significant factor in atherosclerosis and hence increases all cardiovascular (heart attacks) and cerebrovascular (strokes) diseases.\textsuperscript{10}

There is another danger to wearing these masks on a daily basis, especially if worn for several hours. When a person is infected with a respiratory virus, they will expel some of the virus with each breath. If they are wearing a mask, especially an N95 mask or other tightly fitting mask, they will be constantly rebreathing the viruses, raising the concentration of the virus in the lungs and the nasal passages. We know that people who have the worst reactions to the coronavirus have the highest concentrations of the virus early on. And this leads to the deadly cytokine storm in a selected number.

It gets even more frightening. Newer evidence suggests that in some cases the virus can enter the brain.\textsuperscript{11,12} In most instances it enters the
brain by way of the olfactory nerves (smell nerves), which connect directly with the area of the brain dealing with recent memory and memory consolidation. By wearing a mask, the exhaled viruses will not be able to escape and will concentrate in the nasal passages, enter the olfactory nerves and travel into the brain.\textsuperscript{13}

It is evident from this review that there is insufficient evidence that wearing a mask of any kind can have a significant impact in preventing the spread of this virus. The fact that this virus is a relatively benign infection for the vast majority of the population and that most of the at-risk group also survive, from an infectious disease and epidemiological standpoint, by letting the virus spread through the healthier population we will reach a herd immunity level rather quickly that will end this pandemic quickly and prevent a return next winter. During this time, we need to protect the at-risk population by avoiding close contact, boosting their immunity with compounds that boost cellular immunity and in general, care for them.

One should not attack and insult those who have chosen not to wear a mask, as these studies suggest that is the wise choice to make.

References

why NOT to wear masks
"If you do not have any respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough or runny nose, you do not need to wear a mask," Dr. April Baller, a public health specialist for the WHO, says in a video on the world health body's website posted in March. "Masks should only be used by health care workers, caretakers or by people who are sick with symptoms of fever and cough."

"There is no specific evidence to suggest that the wearing of masks by the mass population has any potential benefit. In fact, there's some evidence to suggest the opposite in the misuse of wearing a mask properly or fitting it properly," Dr. Mike Ryan, executive director of the WHO health emergencies program,