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Hi Jack, I spent quite some time trying to add a comment on the agenda and it came back with "SERVER ERROR, try again later." So, emailing you in hopes that my voice will be represented at the next city council meeting.

Please start reopening our city by May 15th. Our death numbers do not justify keeping healthy people in quarantine. If social distancing and masks make it safe to go to the grocery store then it is safe to go to ANY business following those same health precautions as the grocery stores. Adding temperature screenings and hand washing upon arrival at hair and nail salons and gyms would help protect spread at those locations. If people want to still stay home then they have that right. But many of us need the economy to open back up so we don't lose our businesses (and the jobs that we support), our homes, our ability to provide even basic necessities much less our usual standard of living for our families. The well being of your WHOLE city needs to be evaluated ...not just the small numbers of high risk people who have been sick or, sadly, died. We don't shut down for the flu or pneumonia and at risk and elderly people die every year from those contagious diseases. *Why are these small numbers of deaths being used to justify ruining the livelihoods of millions of people in our state?*

We ALL were behind the Stay At Home Order to flatten the curve and help hospitals be prepared for an influx of cases. We have achieved that goal! The hospitals have more than enough capacity. Of course, there will be some new cases as people get back to work. There was never a goal of no new cases. We were told the goal was to help the hospitals out by flattening the curve so they weren't overwhelmed by too many cases at once. Now, it seems the end line goal is being changed on us without any kind of a voice in the matter. Our freedoms are being severely curtailed by these extended orders which are not supported by any of the real life data numbers.

Also, "Elective" surgeries should be allowed to be scheduled starting TOMORROW. Those surgeries are **necessary** for those who need them. My daughter has been in pain since December with a severe frozen shoulder. Her doctor conceded that just MUA and PT wasn't working and scheduled surgery for 4/9 which was cancelled due to the Stay At Home order. How long is she supposed to wait in pain? Her professional dance career could be over if her shoulder doesn't regain full range of motion which is a real possibility the longer she is denied surgery. Who is responsible for her permanent loss of income from a career that has supported her for 13 years? Who pays for her retraining to do another job? Who has the right to make the value judgment that her losses are acceptable because of COVID19? I know nurses on furlough because they work at these outpatient clinics for elective surgeries. These centers are not being used to treat COVID19 patients and can be safely reopened to meet ALL the health needs of our city.

Please represent your WHOLE city and restore the rights of our city's citizens to safely work to provide for our families and get the medical treatment that they need for their well being.

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