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Comment:

According to the SD Department of Health the COVID cases in Pennington County spiked on November 11th, with 231 positive cases, and as of December 5th, there are 42 positive cases. The Seven Day average spiked on November 13th at 143.57, and is now 89.14. Out of 40,866 people tested, only 9,407 were positive, and 7,389 have recovered. So as of December 5th, there are only 2,018 people in all of Pennington County that are currently positive with the virus. Covid only accounts for 18.6% of our hospital beds. In the whole state there are only 503 cases of hospitalized patients.

Masks are being used as a tool to bring people into compliance with an agenda that is at this point still unclear. If these types of demands are made on the citizens of Pennington County, this city will no longer be a place people want to come to. It will be a city run by tyrants and not public servants.
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Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I support a city-wide mandate requiring masks be worn in all public places including government buildings, restaurants and bars, hotels, movie theatres, grocery stores, doctors offices and private shops and businesses.
Table the mask mandate ordinance. It has no real grip!

The bullying has already started against businesses speaking out against the mask mandate.

Some of the council members themselves are taking the stance to participate in the bullying even on their official FB pages! You know who you are! Voters will remember when its time to vote you out. Shame on you! Bullies!
The whole mask thing is a bunch of bull. It has been said by people in the medical community that they don't work. Look at the statistics and the science of it by looking at other states that have done the mandates and the shutdowns. IT DOES NOT WORK! The whole thing is fear based. There was an article from the president of the company that creates the tests and he says the virus is blown way out of proportion and its really no worse than the flu. People that are over 65 or have a compromised immune systems are most vulnerable. It goes back to common sense. You don't feel good don't go to work. You don't feel good don't go see grandma. Be smart that's it.
Name: Benjamin Hodgens
Address: [Redacted]
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Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: mask mandates
Comment:
Any mask edicts and decrees by your vaulted royal highnesses will be summarily ignored - if not openly rebelled against - by many people.

Any edicts made against the free exercise of commerce in Rapid City will be taken as coercive force, intent on ruining the livelihoods of our citizenry.

Many of these people will take the opportunity to identify those who would transgress against them, and take note.

There are a lot of very, very angry people, and these actions you are taking are - seemingly intentionally - derisive and inflammatory. Wisdom should be exercised in how you would like the citizens of this city to view its government.

Any other attempt to circumvent the will of the people - such as installing a despotic tyrant like Allender as the City Manager - to push the agenda through, will be similarly rejected.
Name: Janet Mohl
Address: [redacted]
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Meeting: City Council
Comment Type:
Agenda Item: Mask Mandate
Comment:
NO on a mask mandate. As a fifth-generation resident, I'm GREATLY troubled to witness the conduct from 9/10 council members toward our community. A list of local businesses not requiring masks was published deeming them ?hazardous?. A discriminatory comment referred to sitting in the same room for 3+ hours with ?those? people. Another, assumed we haven?t read the ordinance. Let's not forget the two council members that wanted to limit the time for all speakers. When church?s were written into this, all confidence & respect for this council was lost. That stunt demonstratively demonstrated your true intentions. Further, this council is succeeding in creating DISSENTION & divide within our community. The role as a mayor, is to unite our community, not create a further divide. I implore ALL 9 of you to climb down from your high horses & put aside your bias?s in order to effectively work with ALL the public. THAT is your job. Do it.
I urge you to vote no on ordinance 6454! Leave it up to the people to make the choice regarding their bodies and their health! There are several laws that protect citizen’s rights, including:

(1) You are sovereign over your own body and can choose what medical interventions you want to participate in.

(2) You must have informed consent to participate in any medical EXPERIMENT or TRIAL (such as mask wearing or being tested -- because they have not been approved by the FDA and therefore experiments.)

(3) Under the PATIENTS BILL OF RIGHTS, you can deny one offered intervention while still being able to receive other treatments.

(4) Your right to privacy is guaranteed by the 4th Amendment of the Constitution.

(5) No government order, city order, school or work policy can require you to cause harm to yourself as masks, testing and vaccines do.

The science says healthy people should not wear masks! Masks do not protect against viruses!
Name: Jason Wright
Address:  
Rapid City, SD. 57703
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Mask Ordinance
Comment:
I oppose any type of mask ordinance. If one is passed, and at the end of it, no evidence has proved that it worked, what will happen? Will we stretch it out longer? Will we then step up to enforced lock downs? Or admit masks didn't do anything?

If businesses want to have a "no mask, no service" policy then they can do so. The proposed ordinance is ridiculous.

Still no proof that masks of any type, especially cloth masks, work to protect the general public. Yet plenty of data to show other states with mask mandates showing no evidence the mandates worked to slow the spread.
Name: sarah sutton
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Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Mask Mandate
Comment:

Good evening. I saw on FB last week a sitting council person who made a list of business owners from the mask mandate meetings and put their names on FB calling for a boycott of their businesses. After researching these businesses, I found they encourage masks, but won't make masking mandatory in their buildings. I am shocked and dismayed that an elected official would go to such petty and immature lengths to "cancel" small and local businesses! If my 7th grade daughter slandered and bullied a classmate on social media I assure you she would experience serious consequences. As a parent I would not tolerate such maliciousness, and I am not tolerant of it on my city council either. The hateful, boycotting, and the social media bullying needs to stop. It begins with YOU. Be leaders and stewards of kindness, not snitching and bullying. Now is the time to lift each other up. Set the example for our community. Thank you.
Name: Brita Craven
Address: [redacted] Rapid City, SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: NO on Mask Mandate
Comment:

Strongly oppose Mask Mandate. Masks are a one size fits all medical intervention that does have health consequences for the wearer, you are not licensed medical practitioners. Asymptomatic spread is quickly being proven non existent. Mask Mandates create exponentially more problems, making the solution worse than the initial problem. Your current mask mandate proposition has already empowered local bullies. Workers from Monument Health are declaring online without authority some businesses Non COVID safe, practicing economic warfare and social bullying, both of which make citizens untrusting and afraid of seeking help from health practitioners. We want to know if any of the city councilmembers created, administer or participate in any of the Facebook Non COVID safe bus groups. While giant companies thrive local businesses are under great strain. The division and stress you empower through this mandate is destructive to our city.