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Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 1:10 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: SUPPORT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM #1 - Review and consider adoption of COVID-19 safety guidelines related to in-person City Council meeting protocols

Dear City Councilmembers -

I strongly support the immediate approval and adoption of the "Safety Guidelines and Protocols for In-Person City Council Meetings During the COVID-19 Pandemic." This is a common-sense approach to increase the safety of all attendees to future Huntington Beach City Council Meetings as COVID cases slowly begin to subside.

This isn't about politics or posturing, but rather just a prudent step taken based on the best information available. As stated in the staff report, the COVID-19 safety guidelines being considered are based on current guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the thought that the City of Huntington Beach should not follow these guidelines is in a word: delusional.

As someone who has regular dealings in multiple cities throughout the greater Southern California area, I've already seen other city councils adopt similar guidelines for in-person city council meetings. This is such a "no-brainer" that it leads me to seriously question the sincerity and competence of anyone opposed to these simple policies.

Please vote in support of Administrative Item #1 and adopt the COVID-19 Safety Guidelines as suggested.

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Sincerely,
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COMMUNICATION**

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