

## CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 12, 2021

After determining that a quorum was present and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, V. T.C.A., Government Code, the City Council convened in an Emergency Meeting on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 4:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Meltzer and Council Members Vicki Byrd, Brian Beck, Jesse Davis, and Deb Armintor

PRESENT VIRTUALLY: Council Member Alison Maguire

ABSENT: None

Also present were Interim City Manager Sara Hensley (In-Person) and Interim City Attorney Catherine Clifton (Virtually).

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### CLOSED MEETING

1. The City Council convened into an Emergency Closed Meeting at 4:01 p.m. consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law, as follows.
  - A. ID 21-1770 Consultation with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Consultation, discussion, deliberation, and receipt of information from the City's attorneys involving legal issues relating to a disaster declaration and potential related order pertaining to the COVID-19 emergency, and to provide the City's attorneys with direction, where a public discussion of these legal matters would clearly conflict with the duty of the City's attorneys to the City of Denton and the Denton City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas.

#### **DELIBERATED**

The item related to Work Session Item 1.A (ID 21-1769) and Item for Individual Consideration 1.A (21-1771), scheduled for consideration at the Emergency Meeting to follow later in the day.

The closed meeting started at 4:02 p.m. and ended at 5:07 p.m. No votes or actions were taken during the closed meeting.

### **WORK SESSION**

After determining that a quorum was present and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, V. T.C.A., Government Code, the City Council convened in an Emergency Work Session on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 5:22 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

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#### **1. Work Session Reports**

- A. ID 21-1769 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the local disaster response to Covid-19.

The item related to Closed Meeting Item 1.A (ID 21-1770) deliberated earlier in the day and Individual Consideration Item 1.A (21-1771) scheduled for consideration during the Emergency Meeting to follow later in the day.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

At Mayor Hudspeth's inquiry, Interim City Attorney Clifton reported Individual Consideration 1.A (21-1771) could be called to allow registered speakers to address the City Council. Mayor Hudspeth confirmed other speakers that may be present at the time the item was presented and prior to its consideration would be allowed to speak.

The work session was recessed at 5:32 p.m. to convene the Emergency Meeting and allow registered speakers present at the meeting to address the City Council on Individual Consideration Item 1.A (21-1771).

The work session was reconvened at 5:49 p.m.

Discussion continued.

The work session was recessed to allow additional citizen comments (call-ins and registered) on Individual Consideration Item 1.A (21-1771). Citizen comments received are noted in Exhibit A.

The work session was reconvened and discussion continued.

Following further discussion, City Council consensus was to proceed as follows:

1. Mandate masks for Pre-K through 12th grade, including colleges, universities and institutions of higher learning, and child care centers;
2. Require face covering in City buildings; and
3. Use the Dallas County Order as a guideline.

Mayor Hudspeth announced Staff would be provided time to draft the proposed ordinance resulting from discussions during the work session and possibly convene to an Executive Session prior to reconvening the Emergency Meeting to consult with the Interim City Attorney, as applicable.

The work session ended at 7:10 p.m.

City Council convened into an Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney). The Executive Session ended at 8:45 p.m. No votes or actions were taken during the Executive Session.

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ABSENT: None

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**1. ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- A. ID 21-1771 Consider an ordinance of the City of Denton confirming the effective period of the declared state of local disaster related to the COVID-19 emergency as provided in Ordinance No. 21-1290; adopting a Thirteenth Order of Council to provide additional requirements and guidance; providing a repealer clause; and providing an effective date.

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 21-1771**

The item related to Closed Meeting Item 1.A (ID 21-1770) deliberated earlier in the day and Work Session Item 1.A (21-1769) discussed earlier in the day.

All members of the City Council received the comments as submitted and had the opportunity to review all submissions prior to the start of the meeting and consider such comments when voting on the item. The summary of public commentary/registrations are noted in Exhibit A.

The item was read into the record, but not presented, to allow registered speakers present at the meeting to address the City Council on Individual Consideration Item 1.A (21-1771).

Citizen comments received are noted in Exhibit A.

The emergency meeting was recessed at 5:49 p.m. to reconvene the work session and continue discussion on Work Session Item 1.A (21-1769).

Additional citizen comments received are noted in Exhibit A.

City Council was provided the draft ordinance and Thirteenth Order which included the information requested during the work session.

The emergency meeting was reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Council Member Armintor moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer.


Commentary followed.


Mayor Hudspeth called the vote on Council Member Armintor's motion to adopt the item as presented and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Byrd, Beck, Maguire and Armintor

NAYS (2): Mayor Hudspeth and Council Member Davis

With no further business, the emergency meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

  
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GERARD HUDSPETH  
MAYOR  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

  
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ROSA RIOS  
CITY SECRETARY  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: August 24, 2021

**August 12, 2021 City Council Emergency Meeting - EXHIBIT A**

**Speaker Commentaries/Registrations  
Online, Email, Phone**

Name	Last	Address	City	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Elizabeth	Addy	1295 Bridelbeit Road	Flower Mound	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Carol	Addy	No Address Provided	Not provided	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
David	Anderson	1704 Warwick Crescent	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	I was told by everyone that get the vaccine, no more mask. Was this a lie? No mask, no shutdowns, no more infringement on citizens rights. Just stop. If people choose or chose not to be vaccinated, that is their choice. It was (is) right in front of them. Work on other problems
Tanya	Avery	8204 Saltgrass Lane	Argyle	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Emily	Baker	4000 Thistle Hill	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Dwayne	Baker	4000 Thistle Hill	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	Governor Abbot has already stated he will take Municipalities and Schools to court that require masks. The City of Denton does not need to spend tax payers money on Court costs. Also I believe wearing a mask should be left up to the individual. If people feel the mask will protect them; then they should absolutely wear them.
Brent	Baker	913 Stoneway Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone	No masks. 21-1771 does not make this very clear.
Rachel	Barresi	8920 Sherman Trail	Lantana	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Ruth	Blankenfeld	4708 Cattail	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	As a parent of 4 kids who came home from school wearing masks with headaches and felt dizzy. They couldn't connect with fellow classmates/teacher due to the barrier of masks. I support parent's choice to choose if their child wears a mask or not. Covid has a 99.9% survival rate for children. studies show the vast amount of bacteria on a mask worn for hours including staph. A school mask mandate will emotionally and physically hurt our children! I do not support a mask mandate for our schools.
Meghan	Bradford	5 Rolling Hills Circle	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	A disaster declaration is absolutely necessary. Any and all mitigation efforts should be taken. A mask mandate is needed to protect our innocent and vulnerable children that are too young for a vaccine. Other schools and cities have shown one can be enacted, if you're willing to put safety and health of your citizens over politics. Do the right thing and protect our children. The effective date should be immediately. Our numbers are way past the point where action should have been taken.
Brandon	Bradford	5 Rolling Hills Circle	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	A disaster declaration is absolutely necessary. Any and all mitigation efforts should be taken. My children are too young to be vaccinated. Please protect our children's health.
Spencer	Brolsma	3939 Teasley Lane	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	Allow your constituents to make the best health decisions for themselves and their families in consultation with their doctors.
Amber	Cagle	7901 Winding Stream Lane	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	It is disgusting that violating the governor's orders is actually being considered by our city council. When you choose to set the example that it's acceptable for an elected panel of representatives to violate a state mandate, you are essentially auto-creating everyone else's defense to violate any mandates you impose. If you feel safer wearing a mask, wear a mask. If you feel safer social-distancing then social distance but your Liberty ends where my Freedom begins.
Kimberly	Callahan	9671 Herber	Lantana	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition



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Micah	Carlson	2617 Dancing Flame Drive	Denton	21-1771	N/A	Telephone (In-Meeting)	She is vaccinated but her daughters are not. That means that before they go anywhere she has to keep her daughters away from people and keep them close to her. She taught her children to be cautious and stay away from people for their protection. After a year of Covid and protocols became lax, her child does not want to play in the playground where other kids are playing. Has spent last four months to help her children feel safe. Need to have a set of rules that apply to everyone, without them varying between groups. Cannot escape impact of individual decision in this close-knit way. Her role should not have to be to call the schools and ask if the teachers are going to wear their masks. Need to stand up for them.
Mary	Clay	4432 Spanish Oak Circle	Corinth	21-1771	Support	Online	No comment provided.
Heather	Conover	624 Dove Creek Rd	Bartonville	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No mask mandate or lockdown! Our businesses and families have suffered enough! Thank you!
Deborah	Cosimo	1107 Bolivar Street	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	I support a temporary universal masking requirement for public spaces, including city properties. The honor system of personal responsibility is ineffective, as evidenced by the surge of Covid-19 cases in our state and the current strain on our health care system. Layered public health strategies such as universal mask requirements can mitigate the effects of the virus on the community.
Light	Cummins	3108 Megan	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	Masks are imperative for all students in the DISD. It would be unthinkable for the school board to hide behind legalisms in this crisis. If it does, It will have blood on its hands. Besides, if a student can be sent home for a dress code violation, why can't a student be sent home for violating a mask mandate?
Tracy	Cushman	2016 Burning Tree Lane	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No mask mandate. Wearing a mask is MY choice, especially after getting the vaccine!
Matthew	Davis	704 Magnolia Street	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Kadie	Dich	3100 Fort Worth Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Cody	Else	3509 Chapel Hill Lane	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	NO MASK MANDATES. IT SHOULD BE PEOPLE'S CHOICE NOT FORCE. We know enough about the virus and what does and doesn't work. Let us make our own choice for health. ALSO LISTEN TO YOUR GOVERNOR **DO NOT DEFEY HIS ORDER.
Jen	Evans	1905 Laurelwood Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	Civil obedience is following Abbot's executive order, Civil disobedience is imposing a mask mandate. I will not go against the Governors executive order no matter what the city of Denton decides to do. Deb, Brian, Paul and Alison are defying an executive order and committing civil disobedience. Liberty will prevail and the rule of law will prevail.
Kady	Finley	108 McKamy Blvd	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Kimblery	Foley	No Address Provided	Not provided	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Matthew	Foley	950 Terrace	Lantana	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Jason	Fraser	971 Crockett Drive	Lantana	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Christie	French	7530 Barthold Road	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	My Choice.
Jeannette	Fudge	2400 Summer Trail Drive	Denton	21-1771	Not Noted	In Person	Agrees with previous speaker as to Governor Abbott's decision. Her heart goes out to every child going to school; decision made is very cruel. Council Members need to put themselves in a parent's place and how they would feel when having to send children to school and if they get sick and go to the hospital; cannot get vaccinated. Does not agree with Governor Abbott's decision.
Jane	Fulton	729 Greenwood	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	I am for freedom of choice. No one is stopping anyone from wearing a mask or getting vaccinated. I am 78 years old and I choose what goes on with my body.
Devin	Garofalo	2624 Fondren Road	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	Please implement a mask mandate. Delta is raging. Hospitals are overwhelmed. Children are particularly at risk. So are frontline workers, educators, and students. Approaches emphasizing "personal responsibility" are not working. The science is in and it is definitive: masks are extraordinarily effective. Protect our community (and our economy). We are at stake in each other — something emphasizes on "personal responsibility" fail to confront. I implore you to follow the science.

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Chris	Gomez	2700 Colorado Boulevard	Denton	21-1771	Support	In Person	CDC says the Delta variant is more infectious even on vaccinated individuals; causes twice as much illness as the original virus. More concerned about vaccinated individuals and children younger than 12 and all those going to school now. Reported on published data/comments. As a student, will start class as will other students. Will now be mingling with each other and the impacts are unknown. When the pandemic started in 2020, did not have ability to be with his grandmother when hospitalized and be able to hug her. Supports the mandate. Does not believe a price is too high if it can save a single life.
Brandi	Gonzalez	4516 Hidden Meadows Trail	Argyle	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Matt	Gonzalez	4516 Hidden Meadows Trail	Argyle	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Lori	Greer	8160 Steeplechase Circle	Argyle	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Ashley	Guzman	1712 Morning Glory Drive	Corinth	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Josh	Harless	6112 Roaring Creek	Denton	21-1771	N/A	Telephone (In-Meeting)	Agrees with masks not being mandated; personal choice and personal responsibility. Works in a field that requires he wear a mask for his protection. Has to remove all facial hair; masks they have to wear are very expensive and the filters have to be replaced all the time. Filtering of the masks/filters is not high. Detailed the microbe logistics of mas efficiency as posted by the manufacturers of the masks. His family and children got Covid; recovered but they have had other illnesses that were worse than them getting Covid. Opposed to the mandate. People should make the choice. Should not pass a mandate that people will not comply with.
Melissa	Havens	2026 Georgetown Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	The city should not implement any mask mandates. People have the ability to weigh the choices for themselves. I stand with the governor.
William	Hensley	N. Austin Street	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	My pig found its self smart enough to hop over in the barrier from his pen to the next pen and eat all of that pigs food and then go to the next one and eat all of that pigs food and then the next one and eat all of that pigs food and make his way back in time for when it was my turn my time to feed him he had already eaten 3 meals and would just be sitting there waiting for me and I would feed him and he would eat that. That's why he gained so much weight and got sifted at the fat stock show.
Sharon	Hill	1071 Metalmark Court	Lantana	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No mask mandate for schools or anywhere else. It's an individual's decision!!! You cannot overrule the Governor!!
James	Hodges	123 Chapel Hill	Double Oak	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Paula	Hodges	123 Chapel Hill	Double Oak	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Ellen	Holder	2501 N Belk Ave Apt 137	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Ronald	Hoxworth	624 Dove Creek Rd	Bartonville	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No mask mandate!
Brandy	Hunt	8951 Sherman Trail	Lantana	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Lest	Hurley	901 Badminton	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Derek	Jones	3516 Northpointe Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	I look forward to medical experts from across Denton to provide facts. Is this from City, County, or CDC? Who is most vulnerable? How many hospitalized deaths have we had in the city, county, state from COVID 19 in the past 30 days? When will it end?As a free citizen of the State of Texas, my family will be abiding by the law's of this state under Executive Order GA-38 pertaining to mask wearing until any court cases resolve this as unconstitutional thru Supreme Court ruling.
Kenna	Kinney	118 South 7th Street	Sanger	21-1771	Opposed	Online	Mandates should be done with.
Jules	Kozminski	6405 Whiskerbrush Road	Argyle	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Diana	Leggett	1019 Aileen Street	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	In order for our community to be protected (and to protect) against the virulent strain of COVID-19 (Delta) and to help stop it's rampage of sickness and death it is vital that our government enact a city-wide mask mandate just for the time it is needed. Let Denton lead in the fight to stop COVID dead in its tracks. Please vote to enact a city-wide mask mandate. Lives depend on your decision today.



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MF	Luder	1155 Union Circle	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	Put on a mask and save the children.
Mary	Manis	6701 Oak Knoll	Argyle	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Victoria	Maroney	Toria366@yahoo.com	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	An effective declaration of local disaster is absolutely necessary. Hopefully by declaring a local disaster it will give more reason to instate a mask mandate, at the very least, and do what we can to protect our unvaccinated children under 12 who are at risk. They have started school & need safety protocols established and put in place for their health and well being! Other districts are putting children first. Look at the numbers and do what's right! PLEASE!!!
Danny	Martinez	1295 Bridlebit	Bartonville	21-1771	N/A	Telephone (In-Meeting)	Unable to be reached.
Alexis	McConnell	6704 Lipizzan Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	In Person	Previously sent an email to all City Council; appreciated the response from her council member. Does not feel that City Council should pass something and fight the State. Her body; her choice.
Shawn	McFall	5817 Meadowglen	Argyle	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Heather	Medaris	2800 Frontier Drive	Denton	21-1771	N/A	Telephone (In-Meeting)	Calling on behalf of her child in that she is going to school and cannot be vaccinated. The data does not tell you how bad people are being affected. Seeing a large uptake in cases with children being sick/hospitalized. Does not want to see children in her community go through that. Agrees that people will not do the responsible thing. Need to mandate for all to wear masks; very feasible. Her children have no issue with wearing masks; have been wearing masks the entire time. Children need to be relaxed at work; know that they are safe. When there is a mix of those who do wear masks and those that do not, it is going to get a lot worse. In support of the item.
Kim	Mikeal	2608 Sherwood Street	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No more masks mandated. We are fully vaccinated & done with that.
Gwendolyn	Miller-Shain	4937 Stuart Road Trlr 36	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	This is a gross overreach.
Tyler	Miller-Shain	4937 Stuart Road Trlr 36	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	NO MORE MANDATES!! We the people should be left free and personally responsible for ourselves and families. This is not a government issue and taking rights away from citizens NEVER justifies the means. Be appropriate and decisive but do not impose more restrictions, mandates, and unjust rulings upon our populace. Allow us to have freedom of choice rather than government acting with control and force.
Amanda	Millican	2712 James Street	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Lori	Montgomery	1409 Macon Drive	Aubrey	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Kat	Moore	1901 Scena Street	Denton	21-1771	N/A	Telephone (In-Meeting)	Was informed by her Council representative that masks do prevent the spread of viruses; but would not support the mandate. Does not agree. As individuals, we cannot choose who will cover their mouths. With a mandate, the City can. Allows institutions to mandate masks and wear masks among/by their students. Infection rates are rising. Studies showing Delta variant is spreading. Local leaders to step in and protect the people as the Governor is not. This will save lives; need to protect the most vulnerable. Appears that most members of the City Council are in favor of a mandate.
Jennifer	Moulton	2108 Carriage Hill	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	Please do not go against our Governor AND County Judge on a mask mandate. Let grown adults decide what is best for them. Pushing control onto the citizens isn't a good look. Plus it IS unconstitutional!
Derrick	Murray	4516 Rhone Drive	Denton	21-1771	Support	In Person	Does not know how we got to this place. One of the first questions that man asked of god in the Bible was "Am I my brother's keeper." God did not answer the question immediately. Need to consider impact in community. Everyone should have right to make choices in their life. When people don't wear masks, this is being dragged out longer/further. We love our country and want this to be over. People have died for our country; people should make choice of what is good for them. Governor now telling local governments what they can and cannot do. Does not agree. Governor does not care.
Tami	Nantz	1400 Gatewood Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	Keep Denton open and do not live in FEAR. Heard immunity is the way to go. Masks are ridiculous and do no good whatsoever unless it's an N95 surgical grade mask.. Governor Abbott has much more experience on this matter than the City of Denton. So exhausting with the few Council Members that consistently butt heads with our Governor. We are NOT AUSTIN. if I wanted to live in Austin, I would move there. Seems a few people on the Council live and die by what Austin City Council is doing. BLAH

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Kayly	Nesser	2500 North Interstate 35	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	Please allow public institutions to put mask mandates in place. Children do not have the choice to be vaccinated, and vaccines are reducing hospitalization and death. The only way to protect them is by masking. Please act in defiance of an insane law in the interest of public health. Innocent people are counting on us.
Brent	Noles	1651 Fort Worth Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No mandate Freedom of choice.
Mariela	Nunez-Janes	3449 Lake Country Drive	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	I support the declaration of a local disaster to mandate masks. Our state government is failing us, our school district is failing us, we need our city leaders to prioritize health. Last year, universal masking was followed at my daughter's school because it was required, it worked! During the start of the 2020 school year our county reported about 941 cases among those less than 19 years of age. This year the number is well-above 15,000 and that is just kids. Please put people above politics.
Therese	Peck	1110 Mercer Avenue	Argyle	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Laurie	Pellecchia	3908 Crosstrees Drive	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	If this is for a mask mandate I Am in favor of this to protect our children and teachers. I have kids in all three levels of education and I was pleasantly surprised to see most of the older kids wearing mask in the high schools. At the younger levels where most are not able to be vaccinated, there weren't many wearing mask. I also believe that if we do nothing we will wind up with another shut down of our schools and this time many more children will be sick.
Peggy	Phethean	112 S 4th Street	Sanger	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Julie	Philpott	109 Pennsylvania Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	Standard cloth and surgical masks offer next to no protection against virus-sized particles or small aerosols <a href="https://www.jamanetwork.com/article.aspxdoi=10.1001/jamainternmed.2020.4221">https://www.jamanetwork.com/article.aspxdoi=10.1001/jamainternmed.2020.4221</a> This study found mask wearing "did not reduce, at conventional levels of statistical significance, the incidence of Sars-Cov-2-infection." <a href="https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-6817">https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-6817</a> Anthony Fauci was very clear that asymptomatic transmission was not a threat. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1orSO094uY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1orSO094uY</a>
Christine	Pluscht	2613 Loon Lake Road	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	Our community's children, immunocompromised and under-vaccinated are currently denied the freedom to safely attend indoor events, dine, shop, and most importantly, attend school. This to me is a form of discrimination against our most vulnerable. I thought we were against that. Grades K-8 are mostly vaccine ineligible. Grades 9-12 do not have the option of online schooling. With two universities, we house thousands of other people's children who are counting on us to keep Covid numbers down.
Matt	Pruneda	1225 Tulane Drive	Denton	21-1771	N/A	Telephone (In-Meeting)	People will not do the responsible thing and wear masks (personal experience/example provided). All that is being asked is for people to cover a part of their body with a piece of cloth. People cover parts of their bodies all the time. To go out in public, people have to wear pants. Not asking for anything different. Before this turns into something that it is not, need to just use/mandate masks.
Audrey	Riggs	731 Londonderry Lane	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	Allow citizens to govern their own health. It shouldn't be the council's responsibility to determine what safeguards we choose to protect our families. Throughout the last year cases have fluctuated significantly regardless of mask status. My children deserve an education that isn't compromised by a constant struggle to adhere to added covid policies.
Lee	Riggs	1922 Mohican	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Evan	Ryan	12200 Ranch Road	Argyle	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition
Timothy	Ryan	No Address Provided	Not provided	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition
Carlos	Sandante	3616 Cotton Drive	Denton	21-1771	N/A	Telephone (In-Meeting)	Unable to be reached.
Amie	Schoendorf	201 Regency Court	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	Masks don't work....they never have. ALL viruses are small enough to pass right through. They cause more harm ....and virtually no good. The covid tests are not able to differentiate between any covid variants and all strains of regular flu (per the CDC) . We should encourage all to wash hands more, stay home if you are not feeling great and USE COMMON SENSE! NO MANDATES for Denton County!

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Lee	Shanklin	4000 Thistle Hill	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	1. City should not incur further legal expenses due to illegal activity such as going against the Gov's order. 2. Biz owners should not have BURDEN of policing & enforcing. This will require more employees & it will put them at risk confronting patrons. Multiple instances were reported from previous mask mandates where employees/biz owners were assaulted. 3. It should be up to a private biz owner as to whether they want to require masks upon entry. You will destroy biz and livelihoods.
David	Shuck	2319 Georgetown Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Keith	Shugart	1326 Princeton Court	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	Does the City need to engage in and can it afford the legal fight that they will lose against the State of Texas? How do we know this is the "delta variant" when there is not a test for this variant? This past week the CDC was saying they can't even discern between the common flu or the Covid 19 virus in a test. I'm 100% against gov't. encroaching upon people's civil liberties and trying to dictate someone's personal health decisions. It's not for the good of all, it never has been.
Jeromy	Sims	2617 Dancing Flame Drive	Denton	21-1771	N/A	Telephone (In-Meeting)	Born in Texas and raised with Texas values - treat others as you would like to be treated. Legislators are taking rights away from local governments. The Governor's role is to save lives, not to endanger them. City should do everything possible to protect people. Many people need to be protected. Asked City Council mandate masks and put forth a public education campaign on why this is important.
Amanda	Smiley	6204 Highfield Park	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	I do not support any City ruling that would be issued to supersede Gov Abbot's EO GA-38. It is imperative that we mitigate the collateral damage that has occurred due to the extreme lockdowns and other mandates related to masks etc. This is particularly important for the children of our community that are suffering untold psychological damage from the decisions made by the adults around them. Let's change our focus to measures that are known to build immunity and overall health/wellness.
Jimmie	Sparks	3101 Broken Arrow Road	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	My body my choice. Masks DO NOT WORK!!!
Tammy	Spoon	2031 Laney Drive	Sanger	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Valerie	Standridge	304 Carrington	Argyle	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition
Carl	Standridge	No Address Provided	Not provided	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition
Nicholas	Stevens	417 Amarillo Street	Denton	21-1771	Support	In Person	Thanked everyone for having the meeting and ability of being present. Many council members are present and today was the first day of school for children/grandchildren but had to be here. Facial coverings have been politicized. City Council has the ability to stop that. Willing to pay the fine himself. Knows that Council is always looking out for its citizens. This is a moral obligation to disobey the Governor's order and not seek permission. Believes this is a mandate worth doing. People hospitalized. Understand there are legal consequences; but worth facing those. Tired of seeing people die.
Suzanne	Terry	729 Greenwood	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	What has happened to my body my choice? What happened to freedom of choice in general? No one is stopping anyone from wearing a mask if they so choose to wear one. You must vote against enslaving and taking away our freedoms.
Taylor	Terry	729 Greenwood	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	Let individuals make their own choices about their health. No one is stopping anyone from wearing a mask if they want to.
Todd	Terry	1517 Fort Worth Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No mandate. If you want to wear a mask do it. But do not force it on others.
Sarah	Trachsel	3229 Broken Arrow Road	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	Please do the right thing and pass a mask ordinance as Dallas has done. The governor should not have the right to stop a community from keeping its citizens safe from harm.
Darren	Vader	1807 Concord Lane	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	In now way does any government agency have the right to dictate how I or my fanning choose to conduct our health affairs. Nor do I believe any city should have the ability to over rule state or federal decisions.
Lindsay	VonDrashek	621 S. Mayhill Rd.	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	I am strongly against this mandate. Masks create an unhealthy environment and work protocol for my employees that have LABOR INTENSIVE jobs of moving furniture. There has been zero proof recorded that masks work in the capacity people are wearing them.

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John	VonDrashek	1300 Marble Cove Lane	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	As a homeowner and business owner in the City of Denton for more than 20 years, I am in agreement with Governor Abbott that there should be no more lockdowns, mask mandates, mandatory vaccines, etc. Not only does all the above violate people's individual liberties guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, but it also goes against the Nuremberg Treaty, HIPAA Laws, and others. There is no scientific evidence that any of these draconian measures do anything to stop COVID.
Todd	Wallace	3616 Stanford Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	I do not want a mask mandate. If masks work then let the people that want to wear them continue to wear them and they will. It have anything to worry about!!!
Summer	Watson	1404 Fort Worth Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Gabriel	Watson	1404 Fort Worth Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No comment provided.
Leslie	Wechter	1221 Wilson Drive	Lantana	21-1771	Opposed	Telephone (Voiced)	Caller voiced their opposition.
Emily	Weckar	621 Windfields Street	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	I think it goes against our basic human right to choose to wear or not to wear a mask. The city should not be able to mandate wearing a mask.
Suzanne	Wilson	1404 Fort Worth Drive	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	If your mask works then why do you care if I wear one
Terra	Wilson	1423 Noble Street	Denton	21-1771	Opposed	Online	No mask mandate. Repair standing water on Woodford and Noble Street Intersection. This area has standing water when it rains and West Nile is a threat. There are inoperable junk vehicles, temporary car covers, trash and unkempt lawns are attracting mosquitoes! Etc. Please clean this area up.
Deborah	Wright	2512 Crestwood Place	Denton	21-1771	Support	Online	Additional action needs to be taken in response to the rise in number of covid-19 cases. A mask mandate should be considered in order to prevent a major disaster. Capacity or near capacity hospital beds, especially ICU beds, is a serious threat and distinct possibility if action is not taken. We should not let threats from our elected officials at the State level put our lives and especially the lives of this city's children at risk. Do what is right for our City and the lives of our citizens.

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