

Support 2
Emails

Polanco, Joanna

From: ERICA OLENICI [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Facemasks

To Whom It May Concern,

As governor, I chose you to help represent my viewpoints; currently, it's one-sided. It's unfair that some individuals misuse their political stance and represent it as power. This is about saving lives, and sometimes, even saving others who don't seem to know better.

Please put a mandatory facemask rule which is enforced in place immediately. If Michigan and other states are smart enough to do it, we should be. It's a small gesture to save lives. It's not the fault of those who have pre-existing conditions or of elderly age; it's not okay to write off deaths because of those two things. It's tiring for some to say that it doesn't matter because they had high blood pressure, etc. We have lost many already that should be honored by us doing the right thing.

Lastly, if you live in an area in WI that doesn't have many cases, it doesn't mean that it's not worse in your area. It's too late when the cases are sky rocketing; we can't back track once we've gone too far. It will be worse if we do nothing. You will lose more money if that's what this about for you. If you want to be right, you are right. Either way, wear a mask.

Sent from my iPhone

Polanco, Joanna

From: Hi, can you share your source for the numbers of city employees furloughed and put on hours share? I'm a library worker. Thanks. <pahl1je@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Mask Mandate

Hi,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed mask mandate for Milwaukee.

Thank you,

Jennifer Pahl
5618 W Brooklyn Pl
Milwaukee, WI 53216

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Polanco, Joanna

From: Dimitrijevic, Marina
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Jeremy Simon
Cc: Dan Herda; Owczarski, Jim; Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Re: United Way - Letter and Press Release Supporting MKE Cares

Thank you !
Can you please email your email to the entire Council?

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On Jul 2, 2020, at 12:57 PM, Jeremy Simon <jsimon@unitedwaygmwc.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Marina,

My name is Jeremy Simon, and I lead United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County's government relations.

Yesterday, United Way sent a letter to Mayor Tom Barrett and President Johnson advocating our support for the passage of your "MKE Cares" ordinance. We promoted our action with the attached press release, as well as posts across our social media platforms:

<https://www.facebook.com/UnitedWayGMWC>

<https://twitter.com/UnitedWayGMWC>

<https://www.instagram.com/unitedwaygmwc/?hl=en>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/united-way-of-greater-milwaukee-&-waukesha-county>

I welcome you to leverage these actions to support the promotion of this ordinance – we would appreciate it if you simply alert us so that we can help boost the signal. I've attached our Dan, United Way's Communications Director.

Feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or follow-up – and have a great holiday weekend!

Jeremy

Jeremy Simon

Manager – Grants & Sponsorships

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We fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our local community.

PLEASE NOTE: United Way's offices will be closed through at least July 5. We are conducting all business remotely during normal business hours.

For general inquiries, call 414-263-8100 or email liveunited@unitedwaygmwc.org

If you'd like to make an additional donation to help meet the increased needs of our nonprofit partners during this time, [click here to give to United Way's COVID19 Urgent Needs Fund](#)

<PressReleaseUnitedWaySupportsMKECaresLegislation.pdf>

Polanco, Joanna

From: Dimitrijevic, Marina
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Colette Dillenburg
Cc: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Re: Masks

Thank you

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On Jul 2, 2020, at 12:44 PM, Colette Dillenburg <cdillenburg@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

Marina,

I definitely am endorsing the Milwaukee Mask Ordinance that you introduced. This is good common sense that is needed to protect us all.

Thank you!

Colette Dillenburg

Sent from my iPhone

Polanco, Joanna

From: Dimitrijevic, Marina
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Katie Robleski
Cc: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Re: YES to Mandatory Masks in Milwaukee's public places

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On Jul 2, 2020, at 12:13 PM, Katie Robleski krobleski@milwaukee.gov wrote

Dear Mayor Barrett and Common Council President Cavalier Johnson,

No one wants to have to repeat the business closures from this past spring. But Wisconsin one of only FOUR states that has zero mask mandates ([source](#)). According to a source from National Governors Association; New York Times, demonstrated in the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) - in states where mask use is mandatory, there was a 25% DECREASE in new cases between the first and second weeks of June. But in states where masks were recommended but not required, there was an 84% INCREASE in new Covid-19 cases.

Because medical professionals and health officials have determined that masks prevent the spread of Covid-19, I ask that you please recognize and support the legislative efforts of Ald. Marina Dimitrijevic (MKE Cares) and those in the Common Council to **mandate masks in public for the city of Milwaukee as soon as possible**, until health officials indicate that it's safe to be in public without them.

I recognize that you want to ensure we go about this the proper way to avoid what happened in Racine and policy could go forward next week. Just know that time is of the essence. Our businesses CANNOT afford to go backward like other U.S. communities have to do right now.

Sincerely,
Katie Robleski
Milwaukee/Bay View Resident

Polanco, Joanna

From: Dimitrijevic, Marina
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Madison Sternig; Polanco, Joanna; Owczarski, Jim
Subject: Re: Please support MKE Cares

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On Jul 2, 2020, at 12:24 PM, Madison Sternig [\[redacted\]](mailto:madisonsternig@gmail.com) wrote:

Dear Mayor Tom Barrett and CC President Cavalier Johnson,

As a constituent of the 14th district, I urge you to support the MKE Cares mandatory mask ordinance proposed by Alderperson Marina Dimitrijevic. In addition to being an effective method to reduce the spread of Covid-19, requiring the use of masks in public is quite possibly the simplest and least disruptive way to ensure public safety.

Unfortunately, the divisive rhetoric of our current society has attempted to politicize the issue of requiring masks. Please do not let individualist ideology perpetuated by right-wing populism scare you from following what scientists, public health experts, and local businesses, stakeholders, and citizens agree to be true: masks are an essential component of battling Covid-19.

If we could trust individuals to make their own decisions to protect themselves and their neighbors, we wouldn't see the exponential spikes of new cases in cities (all without health and safety guidelines) across the US.

Thank you for your hard work in supporting Milwaukee's recent renaissance, and I hope the Common Council passes MKE Cares -- to ensure Milwaukee's rise survives this pandemic.

Sincerely,
Madison Sternig

PS: I was unable to locate where to submit for e-comment on the Legislar website (<https://milwaukee.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>)

Polanco, Joanna

From: Dimitrijevic, Marina
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Camille Mackay; Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Re: Face mask wearing in public

Thank you

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On Jul 2, 2020, at 10:42 AM, Camille Mackay <camille.mackay@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Alderwoman Dimitrijevic:

Thank you for alerting me to this meeting today. Please do everything possible to make mask-wearing mandatory in as many situations as possible.

This pandemic is not going anywhere. I'm sure none of us want to see Milwaukee and environs turn into another Houston, TX. It is out of control there due to premature openings. Their hospitals and EMT services are overwhelmed now.

Mandatory mask-wearing calls attention to the seriousness of the virus.

Do people actually think that the virus respects political ideas? I think not, as it could strike anyone. Not everyone seems to understand that..

Thanks so much for your efforts!

Your constituent,

Polanco, Joanna

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Fwd: Mandatory Masks Ordinance Vote --NO!!!!

Please add to mask ordinance file

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: ELISA HILL <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Date: July 2, 2020 at 9:49:48 AM CDT
To: "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Mandatory Masks Ordinance Vote --NO!!!!

My name is Elisa Hill

[REDACTED]

Milwaukee, WI 53221

[REDACTED]

I vote NO to mandatory Masks Ordinance.

Thank you.

Polanco, Joanna

From: Dimitrijevic, Marina
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 9:18 AM
To: martin kohler
Cc: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Re: Masks

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On Jul 2, 2020, at 9:06 AM, martin kohler <martin.kohler@one.com> wrote

Thank you for supporting people wearing masks. I live in an apartment building in Walkers Point ,mostly young people, and my wife and I have severe health issues. No one wears masks including management. We live in fear every time we leave our apartment. Same where my wife works in the Third Ward except her office which requires everyone to have a mask.

Thanks again

Sent from my iPad

Marty Kohler
414-899-5559
786-368-9517

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Take the easy win. Mandate masks in public.

P.S. If exceptions are needed, allow minimal exceptions that are easily identifiable. I suspect other cities have developed a criteria and method for this.

Less urgent side note:

I noticed the comment submission system doesn't require that you provide your address. Thus, comments may not be from residents living in the city. To me, this defeats the purpose using it to collecting community input.

Louisa Diliberti

535 S Lenox Street
Milwaukee, WI 53207
1-754-8229

Polanco, Joanna

From: Dimitrijevic, Marina
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Louisa Diliberti; Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Re: I support a mask ordinance.

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On Jul 2, 2020, at 8:16 AM, Louisa Diliberti < >

We need a universal masking policy. Failure to do so puts the health of our entire city at risk.

Furthermore, **the lack of a policy will have a discriminatory impact.** Lack of a policy limits the ability for at risk groups to safely be in public spaces, forcing them to stay in side and/or have deadly consequences. Since at risk groups include the elderly, which is a **protected class under federal law**, immuno compromised and other at risk individuals. Although "immuno compromised" is less clearly a protected class, one could argue it qualifies as a disability. Additionally, we know there is a higher prevalence risk factors, such as obesity and diabetes, among **populations of color.** Thus, lack of a mask wearing policy exasperates the health disparities between whites and non-whites.

Masks have been proven to protect the health of communities, and is a **simple measure** to increase public safety.

Regulating policing is hard. Identifying and enforcing environmental protections of water and air are hard. **Wearing a mask is easy.**

Polanco, Joanna

From: Alwin Edakkunnathu [alwin87@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Mask Mandate

Hello,

I just wanted to express my support for having a mandatory mask requirement in the city of Milwaukee. With cases increasing drastically, I believe masks provide one of the easiest and one of the most effective ways to help solve the COVID crisis. Cities such as San Francisco that enacted a mask policy early were able to control COVID significantly better and have much less deaths than Milwaukee despite the much larger population. Thank you,

Alwin Edakkunnathu

Polanco, Joanna

From: Tina Schendel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 12:15 AM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Cc: Bauman, Robert; Mayor Tom Barrett
Subject: Survey results support mask mandate!!

Joanna,

Please add this email in support of the Mke CARES legislation!!

Below are results from the MIRC/OnMilwaukee survey conducted this last week for Milwaukee diners (survey is still open so results will automatically update onto the dashboard).
I have also sent these results to Terri and Marina.

The results may be helpful for tomorrow morning's meeting regarding masks, as diners voted heavily in favor of masks:

89% want to see restaurant staff in masks

78% would be more likely to dine at a restaurant that requires masks for guests

I also am strongly in favor of a city-wide mask mandate. A business should never have to decide between the safety of their staff and the potential loss of sales. A mandate will allow for owners to require masks, some who may have otherwise been afraid to. I work in a local restaurant and have seen first hand my owner get SCREAMED at. This is an unnecessary burden to place on owners, management, and staff. The City of Milwaukee has already left restaurants to essentially make up their own health codes on the fly. It's time for the city government to take some responsibility and stop pawning everything off to vulnerable owners.

I read an opposition email that will be presented tomorrow saying that the government can not force us to buy anything. Except they have for hundreds of years, I have to wear a shirt and pants every time I leave my house. Masks aren't forever (hopefully) but the faster we curb this, the faster we can get back to the life we all remember.

MIRC SURVEY RESULTS

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-YY86WBTD/>

Thank you!

Tina Schendel

Home: District 14

Work: District 4

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On Jul 1, 2020, at 8:21 AM, Donna Metzger <donna116@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Ald. Marina,

I read of your recommendation of mandatory masks in the City and agree all the way! Thank you.

I really think many people don't understand enough about how the virus is spread, largely because it is so invisible (asymptomatic peopler are most likely to spread it!). Then there are conservative operatives who use it to divide our country along 'mask-wearing' and 'non mask-wearing' political groups. It's easy to see why people are misled.

I'll share this with my Alderman, thanks again. Also, masks are mandated on all County grounds and buildings and absolutely should be on County buses!

Sincerely,
Donna

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On Jul 1, 2020, at 4:39 PM, Peter Rickman <[REDACTED]> wrote

To: City of Milwaukee Common Council, Mayor Barrett
From: Peter Rickman, MASH/SEIU
Date: July 1, 2020
Re: Milwaukee Cares (Face Mask Requirement), Additional Measures to Protect Public Health

Milwaukee should adopt a face mask requirement for public, enclosed spaces. This essential action will protect public health, give us the best chance to defeat COVID-19 as soon as possible, and ultimately enable a more full, quick re-opening of the economy and society. Re-opening without a mask mandate has put working people, businesses, public health, and our economy in jeopardy. Face masks are an effective protection, and they are of minimal intrusiveness as a requirement with which to comply.

We encourage adoption of the face mask requirement, with a measure to ensure compliance. A face make requirement for public, enclosed spaces should include a further, necessary implementation measure. The face mask mandate will be as effective as compliance with it; compliance will be as complete as the measures adopted to implement the mandate.

Compliance cannot be a burden placed on retail, restaurant, and other employees of sites covered by the face mask requirement. First, this will put such frontline workers in the line of ire from those most resistant to face mask wearing. News reports from around the country have demonstrated this puts frontline workers in serious jeopardy, ranging from verbal abuse to physical assault (and worse). Second, compliance by those resistant to such a mandate will come only with direction by an authority figure.

Compliance with the face mask requirement should be upheld by trained, qualified security personnel employed by responsible security contractors. These security personnel are trained in rules compliance as well as conflict de-escalation and resolution. Trained, qualified security personnel can enforce the mask mandate as generally recognized and respected as authority figures, while enabling the City to enforce ordinance compliance without reliance on badged, sworn law enforcement.

In addition, trained and qualified security personnel can be tasked with assisting with physical distancing guidelines that are important to stop the person-to-person spread of the coronavirus.

Responsible contractors provide the kind of training mentioned above; ensure a voice for frontline workers on health and safety matters; pay workers living wages (bringing all the benefits that provides, including but not limited to economic and social value, like workforce retention); and participate in an area-wide relationship with one another and their employees.

We believe that inclusion of a security personnel compliance measure within the face mask requirement for public, open spaces will greatly enhance its effectiveness and

prevent unintended consequences. We are ready to work with you all on crafting how this can and should work.

In April, we provided to you all a recommendation to adopt a "Clean and Safe Buildings, Healthy Economy" program that included that described above as well as a measure to ensure every building that is opened is cleaned every day by trained, qualified cleaners employed by responsible cleaning contractors (with which the Council has not yet moved forward). While surface transmission may play much less of a role in the spread of coronavirus than person-to-person transmission (from the current understanding of the coronavirus), the opening of buildings to more "normal" levels of activity challenges this. Greater density of people and activity as well as more interactions with surfaces could increase the possibility of surface transmission substantially. As we enter the period of time where retail, office, and other buildings held out for public visits become more 'open' and used, this surface transmission issue could become magnified greatly.

Now is the time to adopt a requirement for all buildings that are opened to be cleaned daily by responsible contractors. We have developed a model for how this requirement could be constructed in a dynamic fashion, evolving the standards and practices with the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic, the state of opening of the economy/society, and the developments in public health knowledge concerning coronavirus.

The City should take up this "Clean and Safe Buildings, Healthy Economy" approach because of its positive impact on public health protections and enabling the economy and society to open sooner and with greater confidence. But also the City should take up this program because we face an unemployment crisis. Tens of thousands of Milwaukeeans are out of work; many of their jobs are gone forever and for those that are not, tremendous uncertainty awaits. There is a social need for the work of security personnel and cleaners protecting and promoting public health. We could put some significant share of the tens of thousands of unemployed Milwaukee residents to work performing these socially vital roles.

Protecting workers from the virus is inseparable from the protection of the public. Any standards around cleaning, distancing or mask-wearing are only effective to the extent that they are connected to a plan to communicate the standards, train and equip workers to meet them, and develop a safe affirmative system for workers to verify that the standards are being met. The most rigorous imaginable standards if they lack the necessary components of worker-centered communication, training, and verification are the same as no standards. While the standards themselves will evolve with increased knowledge and to meet specific settings, the systems for meaningfully enforcing them can and should be designed to make the standards real. Without these systems in place, the public will have no basis to feel secure.

We hope to work with you all on developing how the measures described in this memo could work (recognizing that some compromise may be necessary) and meet the objectives of protecting public health, re-opening our economy and society more safely and quickly, and addressing the economic crisis brought on by COVID-19.

Thank you for your consideration.

On Tue, May 12, 2020 at 10:21 PM Peter Rickman <peter.rickman@mashworkers.org> wrote:

To: Mayor Barrett, members of the Common Council
From: MASH and SEIU
Date: May 12, 2020
Re: Addressing Worker Needs In the Pandemic, in the Re-Opening of the Economy,
and Beyond -- Worker Voice In Sectoral Stakeholder Structures

As new City governance takes shape in the midst of a world-historic pandemic, policy-makers should take up the ***needs of working people in this crisis, in transition into a re-imagined and re-opened economy, and planning for the inevitable re-occurrence of COVID-19.***

City policy-makers should prioritize ***worker voice*** in the decisions made about their work and lives and ***sectoral approaches***.

Business and industry voices always will be heard. For worker voices to be heard -- and to carry influence with power and authority more balanced -- City policy-makers should create ***structures that bring together representatives of business and industry and of workers in those industries.***

Sectoral stakeholder structures provide an even playing field for all with commonality, align industry decisions with the common good and public interest, leverage the scale of collective wisdom through the business and worker stakeholder insights and perspectives, and create a coordinated mechanism through which rational decisions can be made.

City policy-makers should create sectoral boards or councils, comprised of equal representatives of employers and workers, in the healthcare sector, essential services sector, and the service industry, charged with the development and implementation of industry-wide employment standards, workforce practices, and operational recommendations for all employers, including for this pandemic moment, for the re-imagination and re-opening of our economy, and with contingency for a future outbreak of COVID-19.

In addition, City policy-makers should take ***aggressive action to protect public health and safety and ensure consumer, worker, and business confidence in the safety and health of every building of Milwaukee.*** Milwaukee should prepare to re-imagine and re-open, with a strong economy flowing from clean buildings.

Below you will find descriptive bullet points on our suggestions for governing approaches to ensure worker voice and sectoral decision-making, to ensure the needs of working people are met.

We look forward to working with you in developing these further. We invite you to 'meet' with us to translate them into legislation and policy action.

Healthcare Workforce Board

- Charged with:
 - Development and implementation of employment standards and workforce practices in hospitals and long-term care

- Advisory recommendations and/or made binding through agreement of all parties; some elements could be codified into or made effective through City ordinances
- Making recommendations and providing oversight on the use of CARES Act funds for the healthcare workforce
 - e.g. healthcare employers could be allocated a certain earmark of CARES Act funds coming to the City in order to fund hazard pay for frontline workers, with the Healthcare Workforce Board fashioning a program to implement it
- “Tripartite” body with equal number of representatives of Milwaukee hospitals and workers/labor, and a designee of the Department of Public Health
- Can be established as a commission in City ordinances or through action of Mayor Barrett

Essential Workforce Board

- Focused on employment in “essential” services (e.g. grocery, distributive services, cleaning services, childcare, food services)
- Charged with development and implementation of employment standards and workforce practices in “essential” services
 - Advisory recommendations and/or made binding through agreement of all parties; some elements could be codified into or made effective through City ordinances
- “Tripartite” body with equal number of representatives of employers and workers/labor, and a representative of the Mayor’s office
- Essential Workforce Board can be established as a commission in City ordinances or through action of Mayor Barrett

Clean Buildings, Healthy Economy Program

- Re-opening buildings and business in Milwaukee will require much thoughtful planning and great consideration given to public health and safety
 - Buildings must be thoroughly cleaned daily in order to minimize contact transmission of the coronavirus on surfaces
 - Patrons, employees, and other building visitors must have the confidence that any building is cleaned and disinfected
 - Businesses must have the confidence that their establishment can safely handle employees, patrons and other visitors, along with the confidence that they will not be shut down on account of further contact transmission
- As a matter of public health and safety as well as economic stability and recovery, the City should adopt a “Clean Buildings, Healthy Economy” ordinance including:
 - Buildings over 1,000 square feet hosting any stated business activity must be cleaned daily
 - Business activities include: aviation, commercial office, distributive services, education, entertainment, food and beverage services, healthcare, hospitality, industrial production, retail services
 - An outline of required daily cleaning procedures and “sign-offs” or “certifications” by cleaners
 - Cleaning must be performed by City-licensed firms
 - Cleaning licenses require a firm to:
 - Provide adequate personal protective equipment to cleaners
 - Provide adequate amount and quality of supplies to cleaners

- Provide necessary and sufficient training to cleaners
- Guarantee necessary and sufficient staffing/workforce
- Participate in the City-wide health and safety committee (see below)
- Have a City-approved, actionable/effective document outlining health and safety protections for cleaners, a dispute resolution or grievance procedure for cleaners,
- Pay a pre-licensure bond that will be forfeited (and used to cover actual costs of mitigation) in the event of a violation of the requirements of the the Clean Buildings, Healthy Economy program
- Establish a City-wide Building Health & Safety Committee
 - Charged with oversight of the Clean Buildings, Healthy Economy program, including monitoring compliance with requirements, and venue of complaint and discussion regarding efficacy and health and safety for cleaners and customers alike
 - Comprised of one management representative of each licensed cleaning company and one representative of cleaners from each licensed cleaning company

Service Industry Council

- Focused on employment in service industry (arenas/stadiums, entertainment venues, food & beverage establishments, food service contracting, hospitality)
- Charged with:
 - Recommendations on and oversight of use of CARES Act funds to assist displaced and unemployed service industry workers
 - E.g.service industry could be allocated a certain earmark of CARES Act funds coming to the City in order to fund direct support/relief for service industry workers, with the Service Industry Council fashioning a program to implement it
 - Recommendations on and oversight of re-opening and re-imagining of service industry establishments
 - Development and implementation of employment standards and workforce practices in service industry employment
 - Acting as a central body for labor market coordination amongst employers and workforce, not only in staffing but also in making use of existing (and forthcoming) governmental program
 - Advisory recommendations and/or made binding through agreement of all parties; some elements could be codified into or made effective through City ordinances
- "Tripartite" body with a determined number of equal representatives of employers and workers/labor, and a representative of the Mayor's office
- Can be established as a commission in City ordinances or through action of Mayor Barrett

State-Level Government Relations & Advocacy Collaboration

- Where City-level authority cannot provide a solution, the City and SEIU/MASH should collaborate in state-level advocacy

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President

Milwaukee Area Service & Hospitality Workers Organization

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On Jul 1, 2020, at 6:10 PM, William McClaren <wmcclaren@gmail.com> wrote:

Absolutely mandate masks for any business inside, it's the only defense we currently have, thx!

Sent from my iPhone

Polanco, Joanna

From: Dimitrijevic, Marina
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:33 PM
To: Bill Christofferson
Cc: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Re: Support for mask requirement

Thanks, Bill and Karin! Copying our clerk Joanna in case she can add your support to the file.

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From: Bill Christofferson <bill.christofferson@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 8:31:07 PM
To: Dimitrijevic, Marina <Marina@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Support for mask requirement

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From: Jeff Bentoff <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:45 PM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Cc: Dimitrijevic, Marina
Subject: In Support - For Mask Mandate File

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bill Christofferson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support for mask requirement
Date: July 1, 2020 at 8:31:07 PM CDT
To: marina@milwaukee.gov

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From: Jeff Bentoff [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:53 PM
To: Dimitrijevic, Marina; Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Letter from 100+ Businesses in Support of City Mask Requirement - For Mask Mandate File
Attachments: Mask letter - Milwaukee.pdf

Please share the attached letter from more than 100 Milwaukee businesses in support of a City of Milwaukee mask mandate with the Public Safety and Health Committee at tomorrow's public hearing and the rest of the Common Council members.

Thank you,

Jeff Bentoff
Milwaukee

After a video surfaced of George Floyd being murdered by Minneapolis police, 15-year-old Kellen started a petition demanding justice. It's now the biggest petition ever on Change.org and officers have been arrested and charged. But we haven't yet seen justice. [You can sign the petition here to send a message that Black lives matter.](#)

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Milwaukee should require masks in public places to protect residents



Jeff Bentoff started this petition to [Mayor, City of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett](#) and [1 other](#)

Medical professionals, health officials and scientists say that wearing face masks helps prevent the spread of the deadly Covid-19.

The City of Milwaukee should require everyone to wear masks and practice physical distancing in public places. Many city, county and state governments already require this. Milwaukee should protect its residents, too, so they're safe as possible.

Masks help prevent a wearer from infecting others. But mask wearers are not protected if others don't wear masks. Not wearing masks puts everyone in public spaces -- including customers and employees -- at risk.

While some businesses require masks for everyone, others do not. There's no way a consumer can know where masks are required. Without rules, some people won't wear masks, even though they could infect others.


With everyone wearing masks, workers and businesses will benefit, as more people feel safe to spend money at Milwaukee businesses.


Can we truly reopen if we don't make Milwaukee public spaces as safe as possible?

The City of Milwaukee should require that people wear masks in public places and maintain physical distancing until health professionals say these practices are no longer needed. The alternative is more lockdowns, business failures, and serious illness and death.


9,095 have signed. Let's get to 10,000!


Carol Street signed 8 minutes ago
Maia Bandera signed 9 minutes ago

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**MAYOR BARRETT, PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
PLEASE DON'T LET US
BECOME FLORIDA OR TEXAS**

We Ask You To Please Issue a Mandatory Mask Rule for Milwaukee NOW!

June 30, 2020

Dear Mayor Tom Barrett and Common Council President Cavalier Johnson,

We call on you, as the City of Milwaukee's top elected officials, to immediately require the wearing of masks by all patrons and workers in city public spaces, including stores, theaters, museums, and restaurants and bars (while not consuming food or beverage).

We are the owners and promoters of Milwaukee businesses serving more than a million customers a year and employing tens of thousands of people, all whose health and safety deserve the protection of a mask requirement. A city mask rule is also critical to the survival of our businesses.

Currently more than 20 states require face masks be worn, including nearby Illinois.

Hundreds of cities in America have mandated that face masks must be worn in public, including Los Angeles, New York City, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tampa, St. Petersburg, the Florida Keys, Raleigh, Denver, Boulder, Houston, Kansas City and Charleston.

Medical professionals, health officials and scientists say that wearing face masks is vital to helping prevent the spread of the deadly Covid-19 and is the #1 preventative measure we can take besides staying at home. Masks help prevent a wearer from infecting others. But mask wearers – including our customers and employees – are not protected if others don't wear masks.

Without a city mandate, many customers will not be willing to come to our businesses. Compliance with requirements a business may establish will be inconsistent at best. Our employees can't be assured of a safe work environment. And the risk is much higher for new outbreaks, which could result in new stay-at-home orders that put us out of business for good.

Taking this measure will prevent us from becoming like Houston or Florida. These areas opened up without public masking policies and have seen spikes in cases and even regressions in re-opening. With Wisconsin seeing an increase in Covid-19 cases, now is the time to act. Let's have Milwaukee shine, and truly become an example for our state and the nation of how to do this safely.

This is our city. People deserve to be safe here when supporting and working at Milwaukee businesses. We urge you to promptly put a mask order in place along with physical distancing requirements, until health professionals say these practices are no longer needed.

Sincerely, the owners and operators of:

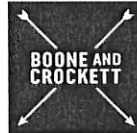
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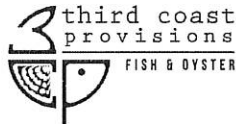
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