

# Support Emails

## Polanco, Joanna

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**From:** Bauman, Robert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:32 AM  
**To:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** FW: Dear Alderman Bauman

Please add to the mask ordinance file

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Bauman, Robert  
**Subject:** Dear Alderman Bauman

The alarm has been sounded by the new Covid experts not Hollywood but local restaurant owners . This quote from the letter sent to the Mayor and common council "Taking this measure will prevent us becoming like Houston or Florida," . They know this how ?? It seems nobody pushes back on this stuff . The problem is that they ask for action on the basis of feelings , opinions and fear but no real facts .

Masks are popular policy because they provide a sense of control . This mandate would make the common council feel like they are doing something , not being passive . I'm just hope someone questions whether its the right thing to do

They claim it will aid their business. Are they kidding . What it will aid is their popularity among fellow Social Justice Warriors . Who it will aid is restaurants outside Milwaukee ! Tricky wording on the proposal already framed so that those who vote no don't Care !!!

I know it's the trendy vote , we have replaced the old ' If It saves one child " with the " if it saves one Grandma " .

The New England Journal of Medicine among the most prestigious peer reviewed medical journals in the world states that mask wearing is virtually worthless , and its only true value is Anxiety alleviation

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2006372>

The real pandemic remains common sense . I urge you to vote no on the MKE Cares proposal

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**From:** Dimitrijevic, Marina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:16 PM  
**To:** Peter Rickman; Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Re: Face Mask Requirement, Additional Measures to Protect Public Health

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Adding our clerk.

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On Jul 1, 2020, at 4:39 PM, Peter Rickman ~~rp@milwaukee.gov~~

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](mailto: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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**From:** Dimitrijevic, Marina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:15 PM  
**To:** William McClaren; Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Re: Masks

Thank you

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On Jul 1, 2020, at 6:10 PM, William McClaren ~~william.mccclaren@milwaukee.gov~~ wrote:

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

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Dimitrijevic, Marina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 4:19 PM  
**To:** Jason Neubauer  
**Cc:** Lenore Burger; Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Re: Wild

Thank you so much !

I'm adding our clerk who will make this part of the public file. We are still drafting this policy and your feedback is critical.

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On Jul 1, 2020, at 4:18 PM, Jason Neubauer <[jneubauer@city.milwaukee.gov](mailto:jneubauer@city.milwaukee.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for connecting us Lenore!

Marina,

Below is a copy of the comment I tried to leave on the site but it's over 600 characters and therefore the site wouldn't accept it:

As a gym owner, I believe there need to be exemptions for certain activities. Our staff wears a mask whenever there is a client(s) in the building and during our instructor led classes. However, I made the decision to wear a mask for the clients actively working out optional. We require masks as clients exit/enter the facility and during warmup/demos and then gathering of equipment. However, once the workout starts they remain at their station until the end of the workout until the masks are then required once again during cleaning of equipment and exiting the facility. We maintain 10-12 feet spacing during the workout which is in excess of CDC guidelines and wearing a mask during a workout can actually cause other negative issues

if the wearer is not able to get enough oxygen into the system. I support masks for most things but this needs to be discussed in more depth before implementation.

I can go into a lot more detail on exactly how we manage the situation and our clients but I do believe we are doing far more than the bare minimum suggested by the state and the CDC. My biggest concern is the potential negative side effects of requiring masks during workouts. I believe masks should be mandated at this point for most things as in most situations you are not going to have trouble breathing. However, a strenuous workout with a mask on could potentially be dangerous.

Again, feel free to reach out with any questions as I'd be happy to discuss!

Thanks,

Jason Neubauer

Wild Workouts & Wellness - Owner

On Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 3:53 PM Dimitrijevic, Marina <[Marina@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Marina@milwaukee.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for your interest in the mask ordinance we are discussing tomorrow. If you visit the legislation link below you can access all files and public comments received for the item.

City's eComment system available by accessing this agenda at  
<http://milwaukee.legistar.com/calendar>

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**From:** Lenore Burger <[lenoreburger@gmail.com](mailto:lenoreburger@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 3:43:41 PM

**To:** Jason Neubauer <[wildjneubauer@gmail.com](mailto:wildjneubauer@gmail.com)>; Dimitrijevic, Marina <[Marina@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Marina@milwaukee.gov)>

**Subject:** Wild

Hey, Jason,

I was talking with Marina, the alderwoman for our district, regarding the incredible job Wild has been doing to keep clients safe during this time. She is working on a mask proposal (mandate) and I wanted to reach out to her to express my support of it, but also to point out that I didn't think it was reasonable for all people to wear masks during the actual workouts in gyms all the time. I did explain that you follow all CDC guidelines and go above and beyond to keep your clients happy (and we so appreciate it!) and when we do wear the masks. She was hoping that I could connect the two of you, so I copied her on this email. Hope that's okay. You and I can chat more about it on Friday morning as well, or you can call me if you have any questions or want more information.

See you soon!

Marina, please confirm that you got this email. When you're able, please send me the link to post a public comment about our discussion. Thank you for your time!

Lenore  
414.324.7605

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**From:** Dimitrijevic, Marina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 4:18 PM  
**To:** Terese Crain  
**Cc:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Re: masks

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On Jul 1, 2020, at 4:14 PM, Terese Crain  wrote:

Hi Marina -

Yes - I am **VERY** much in favor of the city instituting a mask ordinance. Not just for obvious health and safety reasons, but to help businesses deal with belligerent customers. Since the start of the pandemic front line workers - many of whom are grossly underpaid and without benefits - have been keeping the country going while being subject to all kinds of abuse from irresponsible members of the public. Expecting people to do the right thing "voluntarily" doesn't seem to be working very well. In fact, things have gotten worse. It's no longer a case of people being ignorant, selfish or lazy - now they think they're making some absurd political statement by being a menace to their fellow citizens.

If people are in their cars, or outdoors and not in a crowd, that's fine- but you shouldn't be able to enter any place of business or a public building without a mask. If a nurse can wear a mask 12 hrs a day for weeks on end, the rest of us should be able to handle wearing one for the 20 minutes it takes buy groceries, and do it without whining.

As for people who insist that "the government can't make me wear stuff", the government can, and already does. You have to wear a hard hat at a construction site, blaze orange when you're hunting, and you can't stand at bus stop with no pants.

We're never going to get past this thing by relying on, or assuming, that everyone will make "good decisions". Until effective vaccines or therapeutics are available, we need some rules.

T. Crain

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**From:** Dimitrijevic, Marina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 3:44 PM  
**To:** Julie Rasman  
**Cc:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Re: masks

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On Jul 1, 2020, at 2:28 PM, Julie Rasman <~~Julie.Rasman@milwaukee.gov~~> wrote:

100% in favor of masks required. I thought we were adults and wouldn't need this sort of thing but then again, we have no ADULT leadership

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**From:** Dimitrijevic, Marina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** JENNIFER B ESH  
**Cc:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Re: Mask ordinance

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On Jul 1, 2020, at 2:36 PM, JENNIFER B ESH  wrote:

I am heartily in favor of an ordinance mandating masks in public areas.

Jennifer B. Esh  
2609 S. Delaware Ave



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**From:** Alvaro NINO DE GUZMAN [alvaro.nino@tuapastatp.com](mailto:alvaro.nino@tuapastatp.com)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 2:46 PM  
**To:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Face mask in Milwaukee

I will like to suggest as an alternative of the face mask a face shield since it provides the same outcomes and helps for hearing impediment people.

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**From:** Klouda, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 2:27 PM  
**To:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** MKE Cares-Mask Mandate

I am in favor of the requirement of wearing a mask in public. It saves lives

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**From:** Karen Bauer ([REDACTED])  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 12:51 PM  
**To:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Comment on proposed mask ordinance

Dear Milwaukee Common Council:

I generally support the use of masks indoors and while outdoors in crowds. However, I am disturbed that a draft of a proposed ordinance to be discussed on July 8 has not been made available to the public 7 days before the Common Council meets.

Furthermore, the release by Alderwoman Dimitrejevic only states that what she proposes would "closely mirror the ordinance in LA" but without further details.

Based on what epidemiologists are saying, the most important place to wear a mask is indoors, and I 100% support an ordinance requiring that. However, those same epidemiologists have repeatedly stated that any outdoor activity where social distancing can be maintained is relatively low-risk. They also have said that time spent face-to-face is a HUGE factor in transmission of COVID-19. I don't believe that requiring masks to be worn outside while exercising individually is necessary, and could cause widespread non-participation in the ordinance if enacted. I beg you to make an exception for individual outdoor exercise. When someone is jogging, they are only near for a second. It seems that this is not enough time to transmit the virus.

Furthermore, I would like to see a discussion about enforcement. I am deeply concerned that this ordinance could be used to further inflict over-policing on our communities of color. While I am personally dismayed when people protesting aren't wearing masks, we also aren't seeing transmission coming from protestors. Please consider how this ordinance will affect our black citizens and consider how to protect them, and our rights to protest as part of an effort to hold our society accountable for rampant implicit bias and racism present in all facets of our community.

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Karen M. Bauer  
Resident, Bay View  
Constituent of Alderwoman Marina Dimitrejevic

**Polanco, Joanna**

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**From:** Maureen Rainer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 12:15 PM  
**To:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Mask mandate file

Please help to implement a citywide face mask mandate in public places.  
I don't want to hear about more adults and children dieing from the virus.  
I want to hear that it is going away. It is not a lot to ask people to do.  
They should know this without being told. My heart cries for all the people who have lost their loved ones from this virus.

Thank you,  
Maureen Rainer

**Polanco, Joanna**

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**From:** Steve Hawthorne [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:58 AM  
**To:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Masking Mandate

Hello...I wish to provide some feedback on the proposed citywide mask mandate.

First, I firmly support putting a policy in place. My business is a member of the MIRC and cosigned the letter sent to Mayor Barrett and Common Council President Johnson.

Secondly, I would like to encourage the committee and full council to consider excluding certain outdoor activities in the legislation. Activities such as visiting parks and beaches, going for a walk, running and biking should not require a mask to be worn. These activities allow for social distancing and have a low likelihood of prolonged exposure. Also, wearing a mask while exercising presents problems for appropriate breathing.

Again, I firmly support a requirement to wear masks indoors at any public establishment, or outdoor events where social distancing is not possible.

Thank you for taking on this important topic.

Regards,  
Steve Hawthorne

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Steve Hawthorne  
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**From:** Dimitrijevic, Marina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 1:38 AM  
**To:** Darrell Butler  
**Cc:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Re: Mask Legislation

Thanks for your support! I am copying Joanna to add this to the committee file.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:05:03 PM  
**To:** Dimitrijevic, Marina <[Marina@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Marina@milwaukee.gov)>  
**Subject:** Mask Legislation

Thank you for the courage to promote a public mask mandate. I support your announced legislation.

Darrell Butler  
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Employee of Milwaukee Public Library Downtown, Central Branch

## Polanco, Joanna

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**From:** Dimitrijevic, Marina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 1:11 AM  
**To:** Elizabeth Zelazek; Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Re: Covid-19 and Face Masks

Thank you so much for the support! We will place this in the public comments file. This is actually not an order from the mayor but an ordinance Marina drafted so will require the council's support. She will be pleased to cote for it and hopes other alders do as well.

Sincerely,

Terri Williams  
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**From:** Elizabeth Zelazek   
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:04:47 PM  
**To:** Dimitrijevic, Marina <[Marina@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Marina@milwaukee.gov)>  
**Subject:** Covid-19 and Face Masks

First of all, congratulations on your election as my alderwoman in the 14th District.

I am writing to you as a constituent and in your capacity as chair of the Public Safety and Health Committee. I am a former Director of Public Health Nursing for the Milwaukee Health Department, retired since 2000, but still active in public health health organizations. I understand that the matter of wearing masks in Milwaukee during this pandemic Is coming before your committee on Thursday and before the full Council next Tuesday. I ask that you and your committee support the Mayor and Health Department's efforts to put this very basic and easy preventive measure into ordinance or any other effort to require the wearing of face masks in public. There is simply no reason to not require masks in public. Without taking preventive measures now, we will be back where we were in April and in the same straits as Florida, Texas, California and other states that are experiencing unbearable increases in Covid-19. I won't repeat data that I'm sure you're aware of regarding the huge toll this mortality and morbidity is taking on our city, county, state, and country.

Please take this email as support for your efforts in this regard. Thank you.

Elizabeth Zelazek  
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Sent from my iPad

## Polanco, Joanna


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**From:** Dimitrijevic, Marina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 1:14 AM  
**To:** Leslie Skaistis  
**Cc:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Re: support for mask mandate

Thanks for your support! Alderwoman Dimitrijevic was happy to author this. Copying our clerk to place your comments on file.

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**From:** Leslie Skaistis   
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:22:44 PM  
**To:** Dimitrijevic, Marina <[Marina@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Marina@milwaukee.gov)>  
**Subject:** support for mask mandate

Dear Alderwoman Dimitrijevic,

Today, I read the letter signed by 100 (and increasing) local businesses urging a mask mandate in the city of Milwaukee. I am writing tonight to voice my strong support for such an ordinance. There are 2 reasons for my support:

- 1) Front line workers in the service industry are putting their health at risk to keep our businesses open and operational. We owe it to them to ensure that they have a chance to stay healthy while being in public-facing jobs. It isn't enough to leave it up to the goodwill of the populace; we need to have a mandate to ensure that those who are at work have the safest environment possible.
- 2) I am also a small business owner in downtown Milwaukee. I am the co-owner of a psychotherapy practice. An ordinance requiring masks in businesses would provide much needed clarity as I move toward resuming in-person sessions. Rather than having to negotiate mask-wearing on a case by case basis, I would be able to focus my attention on providing high quality psychotherapy, resting easy knowing that the legal expectations in my city reflect the recommendations of the health experts.

Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the safety of Milwaukee.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Skaistis  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

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## Polanco, Joanna

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**From:** Bette Frangesch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:53 PM  
**To:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Support Mask Mandate

Hello,


We used to frequent Milwaukee museums, restaurants, theater, sports events and businesses, but haven't since April. My husband and I are in a higher risk group and follow the science which reassures us that masks, social distancing, outdoor or spacious venues lower the risk. Two weeks ago we went to the Milwaukee Zoo with our children and grandchildren- a big group. Masks were mandated which seemed to be observed except for one family. Unfortunately, there was no enforcement- i.e. no zoo staff intervened. We just avoided them and had a great time. We'd be ready to venture out more if we could be reassured ALL would be masked along with distancing - and that it would be enforced.

Thank you,  
Bette & Richard Frangesch

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## Polanco, Joanna

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**From:** Rick Rodriguez   
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:08 PM  
**To:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Support for Proposed MKE Cares ordinance


I live in Alderman Murphy's district. I support the proposed ordinance 100%. I know you will hear from many selfish citizens against this legislation, but I assure you that more people are for it than against it, and I hope they will show their support. Thank you for stepping up to do what's best for our amazing city!

Rick Rodriguez

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

## Polanco, Joanna


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**From:** glorie salas   
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:54 PM  
**To:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Mask mandate file

I am a Milwaukee resident & strongly support a mask mandate for the city of Milwaukee. Far too many people are not social distancing in public places. We should not subject workers keeping the economy going, nor residents out to get a some fresh air, to the threat of Covid 19 because of those who don't take this threat seriously

## Polanco, Joanna

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**From:** John Sturdy   
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:35 PM  
**To:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Fwd: I beg the city to mandate masks and further protection

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**From:** John Sturdy <[ursawholesale@gmail.com](mailto:ursawholesale@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 30, 2020 at 2:27 PM  
**Subject:** I beg the city to mandate masks and further protection  
**To:** [mayor@milwaukee.gov](mailto:mayor@milwaukee.gov) <[mayor@milwaukee.gov](mailto:mayor@milwaukee.gov)>  
**CC:** Dimitrijevic, Marina <[marina@milwaukee.gov](mailto:marina@milwaukee.gov)>

Hello, I'm a retail business owner who has been severely effected by the shut down and quarantine, as we remain closed by choice based on an obvious analysis of the COVID statistics, I can not describe the anger and frustration I feel at the city's terrible handling of this issue.

The City of Milwaukee should have never opened when we did. It was not supported by any science. I and many of my peers feel it was only done as a tactic to thin the number of protestors on the street and are disgusted by the notion.

This premature opening is directly responsible for the rise in cases in our community.

The time and money I have lost due to the original shut down can now not be recouped as we head into another another one. What explanation do you have for me about why this decision was made and how it was handled. Tom Barret you bare direct responsibility for this. Please open your eyes and provide some real meaningful leadership for our city.

I write you begging the Mayor's office and the Common Council to push as strongly as possible to mandate the use of masks in public and re-closing of bars and night clubs.

It's absolute naivety to think these bars will actually operate at the recommended limited capacity when the recommendations don't support a profitable model for that business. That is not informed leadership. That is not intelligent leadership.

Please help. Please provide leadership. I'm lucky enough to live in a district who's council member has been working to guide us in the correct direction, but we need our mayor to take real action and to do so immediately.

Thank you.

John Sturdy

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## Polanco, Joanna

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**From:** Maria Burke   
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:26 PM  
**To:** Polanco, Joanna  
**Subject:** Support of MKE Cares mask requirement

As a city employee who regularly works with the public, I strongly support the MKE Cares requirement for all people to help minimize the spread of Covid-19 by wearing masks in public spaces. Having a consistent ordinance would help visitors know that they don't have to check each establishment for individual rules. This would also increase safety for all staff who interact with the public as well as guests in public spaces.