

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sara Semmes

**Date Submitted:** 08/18/2021 11:02 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0878

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear LA City Council members, I am writing in opposition to ANY future measures to "show papers" and "proof" of vaccination status for our county. Such guidelines are unconstitutional, discriminatory, and dangerous to society. Requiring citizens to display their private medical records to merit access to good and services will result in a two-tiered social system. A community divided into those who relinquish their right to privacy, and religious and bodily autonomy for the privilege of access, and those that hold liberty foremost and are consequently denied access. A society of haves and have nots, or, more specifically, those who have liberty without access or those who have access without liberty. This outcome would be an inexcusable atrocity we must be intentful on avoiding. The Constitution of the United States was designed to protect the people from inhumane and unjust acts being committed against them by their government. It is our duty to maintain those same standards of protocol in our local government. As requiring vaccination verification is prohibited by international treaties, federal and state laws, then it stands to reason that it should not be permitted by our county, public or private entities as well. To deny one access to education, purchasing food or other essential goods and services if they do not display vaccination verification amounts to coercion and results in segregation. It is also in violation of CA GOV Code 51 which states that, "All persons within the jurisdiction of this state are free and equal, and no matter what their sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, citizenship, primary language, or immigration status are entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments of every kind whatsoever." These rights are mirrored in Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Injunctive Relief Against Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation SEC. 201. (a) "All persons shall be entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, and privileges, advantages, and accommodations of any place of public accommodation, as defined in this section, without discrimination or segregation on the ground of race, color, religion, or national origin." See also SEC. 202: "All persons shall be entitled to be free, at any establishment or place, from

discrimination or segregation of any kind on the ground of race, color, religion, or national origin, if such discrimination or segregation is or purports to be required by any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, rule, or order of a State or any agency or political subdivision thereof.” To coerce a person into submitting to a medical procedure in order to gain access to goods and services is the definitive opposite of consent. A presumption of bodily autonomy and the right to refuse medical care is well established by rulings of our Supreme Court. Two pertinent examples: First, in 1982, the U.S. Supreme Court tersely traced the history of the right to refuse medical treatment: Under the common law of torts, the right to refuse any medical treatment emerged from the doctrines of trespass and battery *Superintendent of Belchertown State School v. Saikewicz*. Second, *Matter of Farrell* in 1987 finds that “Generally, a competent informed patient’s interest in freedom from nonconsensual invasion of her bodily integrity would outweigh any state interest.” It is in the best interest of the people of Los Angeles to prohibit vaccine passports or any future calls for vaccine status disclosure which violate medical privacy, result in coercion, and lead to discrimination. The SARS-COV-2 virus has rattled us all, but we must not barter our liberties to assuage our fears. Such shortsighted actions made in haste are far harder to unravel than if their consequences were initially weighed rationally and with respect to legal and historical precedence in addition to common decency and fairness. Sincerely, Sara Semmes

## Communication from Public

**Name:** DrMom

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning. I have been feeling the stress of this motion; it is literally making me sick. I haven't heard a discussion of religious and medical exemptions, so this is terrifying. I don't know how I will take care of our household business - grocery stores, banking, and the like. My first thought is to simply head to Ventura County, but I shouldn't have to do so. I live and pay taxes in Los Angeles County - very high taxes, I might add. Are we really at this point where people cannot decide on a medical procedure for themselves according to their own religious beliefs or medical condition? I stay at home, work from home, and wear a mask when I must go out. I do pick up orders when I can. But I have waited to buy school clothes for my child because of the rising cases. At some point, my child will need to go in a store to try on clothes. If the vaccines are working, then the last person anyone should fear are people who stay home for the most part and wear masks in public - healthy people. I never thought I would see this day. Regardless of your position and party in this discussion, no one should support such draconian measures. Thank you for your time and for serving the people of Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** People created government. Government did not create people. Your primary responsibility is to "secure my unalienable rights. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. To secure these rights, government were instituted.. Healthcare is not YOUR RESPONSIBILITY-SECURING MY LIBERTY IS. Requiring me to to be vaccinated to enter a "public accommodation" is discrimination and segregates- a violation of the Civil Rights Act. It is that simple. FIGHT FOR MY LIBERTIES TO MAKE MY OWN CHOICES REGARDING ALL ASPECTS OF MY LIFE

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** A vaccine passport system would create a two-class medial apartheid system, immunity caste system, and would further the gap in equality, especially disproportionate numbers from some of our most vulnerable communities, such as people who are low-income, have disabilities, or are homeless, as well as more than 40 percent of people over age 65, including immigrant communities and communities of color who are already subject to over-policing and surveillance Requiring COVID-19 vaccine passports for taking part in everyday life such as, but not limited to, attending a sporting event, patronizing a restaurant, or going to a movie theater would create two classes of citizens based on vaccination; and it's illegal according to the UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT. Other treatments and therapies are available as an alternative Any form of coercion via medical mandates, vaccine Passports, digital QR code or any verification to show proof of vaccination violates California Health and Safety codes: 24171 "right of individuals to determine what is done to their own bodies." and 24172(J) "Be given the opportunity to decide to consent or not to consent to a medical experiment without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, coercion, or undue influence on the subject's decision." Universally accepted codes of medical ethics, including the Nuremberg Code and the Declaration of Helsinki, absolutely prohibit any form of coercion to make individuals participate in a medical experiment. All currently available COVID-19 is authorized for emergency use, regardless if emergency use status changes, or becomes FDA approved, therefore it must remain voluntary under the Nuremberg Trial Codes; the Declaration of Helsinki, and California law. County Department of Public Health and CHHS acknowledges there are many instances where an individual, along with their doctor, decide that being vaccinated may be unsafe; and a vaccine passport or verification system discriminates against those who cannot receive the vaccine. Vaccine passports, or arbitrary state and county guidelines, do not take into consideration the large number of citizens who have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 and are therefore naturally immune as Covid survivors. It will not stop at COVID-19 vaccines. Once in place, it will allow the coercion of any and all vaccines, booster shots, or "so-called" requirements.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Travis

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello Office of the Clerk and City Council, I'm writing to express my concern over proposed vaccine passports. I run a renewable energy service company that rents solar generators, all over the U.S., but Los Angeles City is one of our most popular markets. If vaccine passports are required for any public accommodations (such as indoor dining, gyms, hotels, grocery or convenience stores) we will have no choice but to cease all business operations with the City. We will simply no longer provide clean, renewable solar generators to Los Angeles. Our customers will have to revert to diesel generators. Please reconsider this segregationist policy and vote it down swiftly and universally, Respectfully, Travis Semmes CEO of Sun for Rent (805) 466-1006

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yolanda J. Richman

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I believe the proposed vaccine Mandate to be completely unconstitutional and against my personal freedoms ! This has gone way too far and as a voter and Tax-payer in this City if this passes, you will loose countless Votes for reelecting the City Officials involved in passing this and countless residents that will be moving out of this State if this passes, I will be one of them.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** VACCINE PASSPORTS ARE ILLEGAL AND UNETHICAL!  
Please do not move forward!!!