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Dear Dr. Morrow, Mayor Wheeler, Mayor Pataansuu, Mayor Erickson; Deputy Mayor Hytopoulos, Kitsap County Commissioner Gelder, Kitsap County Commissioner Garrido, Kitsap County Commissioner Wolfe, and Mr. Keith Grellner:

Below are my comments to be considered in relation to the Special Meeting taking place tomorrow, Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

Do you ever wonder why there is an ever-increasing distrust in government lately? It wouldn't be difficult to see if those in government took the time to strip away their bias and ideology driven agendas and be truly open, honest and show what real integrity looks like. Looking at the people of your community not as people to be lead or governed but as your friends and neighbors that need you to recognize that solutions to problems (or perceived problems) are not simply black and white or have only one avenue in which to achieve a goal.

The problem with elected government leaders and non-elected governmental agency officials during this never ending COVID situation is that they fail recognize that so many decisions that have been made over this time have been confusing, contradictory, dismissive of valid questions and concerns, overreaching, illogical, and frightening to be honest. So many decisions that have been made and forced upon the populace since March 2020 has done more to destroy what trust the people had in the government than made to feel safe. With now the consideration of vaccine passports and/or mandates for vaccines only deepens this distrust. The people are no longer allowed to live and make decisions as adults. This is not how a free people are supposed to live.

When the virus first reached us, I know there were few that did not want to do whatever they could to stay safe and help the cause. Our family was no different. We stayed home and were very

careful about what we did during the beginning months. But after a time, it was clear that this was going to be situation we would all have to learn to live with and we needed to get on with our lives. It was also clear that this situation was going to be exploited by the government. If it wasn't exploitation, then it was incompetence at best. Either option is not acceptable.

Since the beginning, there has been so much confusing and illogical actions taken by our government agencies that it has been incredibly frustrating. We kept hearing about how decisions are driven by science and data, but it was clear the government was utilizing their own secret science and data. When ridiculous policies and protocols are put out as serious measures, all we can do is shake our heads and do our best to get around them. But they just kept coming, regardless of new studies and other new scientific information and data, the government has doubled down on restrictive protocols, policies and mandates. And with each one, the distrust and division grows. But they keep coming at us. It feels as if we are going backwards and not forwards with no light at the end of the tunnel.

One blaring and primary fact that continues to get ignored is the simple chance of surviving a case of COVID for most people under the age of 60 and in good health is over 99%. Why such draconian measures for this kind of survival rate? Would it not make more sense to protect the vulnerable and let the younger and healthier people continue keeping the world moving? This is what the vulnerable have always done as it is. They don't go out as much, they avoid large crowds and stay away from people when they know they are sick. It's common sense. What we have been doing is nothing of the sort.

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Another bizarre and confusing aspect of all this is the lack of recognition of natural immunity. The distrust in the medical field is also growing because of this strange omission of natural immunity. It has been completely disregarded and that is very disturbing. Per the CDC it is stated as follows:

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There are numerous people that have had COVID and were unaware. There are many that have antibodies and the antibody tests are showing this. Why does the science regarding COVID not find it prudent and useful to know how many people have existing antibodies and how long they remain? Would this not be valuable data?

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