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Subject: Esther "Karen" Kennedy
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:00:38 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mike Merando (Mmerando1@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 18:00:36

address: 725 islington street

comments: Esther Kennedy must be removed from the council. Using your position to go outside of the power of office to sabotage a non-profit organization is mind blowing. Not only does it show the lack of ethics and morals she has, it also shows how she puts self interests before community.

Last thing Portsmouth needs is another Karen.

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Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 4:11:02 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Austin Lochtefeld (alochtefeld603@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 15:11:00

address: 137 High Street Portsmouth,NH 03801

comments: As a Portsmouth Resident and Local musician the Portsmouth pop up event was looking to be the only show I was going to get to hopefully be a part of post covid, in a summer that was looking to be so fruitful that I was about to quit my day job. I along with all the other artists, musicians, restaurants and volunteers had are hopes set high and had taken time out of our lives to to try and make this happen for the good of the city of Portsmouth. Esther Kennedy should resign she obviously only cares about herself and not for the city she represents.

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From: [Marsha Filion via FormMail.com](#)
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Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 2:12:16 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Marsha Filion (M3FILION@yahoo.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 13:12:14

address: 149 Jones Ave

comments: I am dismayed by the actions of Councilor Kennedy regarding Pop Up Portsmouth and Portsmouth400. I don't understand why she has chosen to register either these names as her own. Her actions undermine the long hours, vision, and hard work that many other community members have invested to make these two organizations a success. I also want to note that these two initiatives were launched to benefit the community as a whole. While the rest of the community is working hard to pull together, I am shocked and disappointed in Councilor Kennedy's decision to add an additional and unnecessary obstacle. Her actions strike me as detrimental to the community, which is in conflict with her role as a Councilor.

I request Councilor Kennedy's resignation and a public apology for her inexplicable actions. I demand Mayor Becksted and the rest of the city council to terminate her position or to publicly state why they choose to support her as she actively thwarts attempts to build community, morale, and support local business during this critical time.
Sincerely yours,
Marsha Filion

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Subject: Esther needs to resign immediately
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 9:26:57 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Bryan Emerson (Bryan.l.emerson@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 08:26:55

address: P.O. Box 1513 Portsmouth, NH 03802

comments: As a portsmouth resident, who is deeply involved in the restaurant industry (previous owner operator & current manager), I Demand to hear an explanation from esther. Why would she hinder a non profit by stealing their business name on two separate occasions? Seems to me that she is actively trying to Harm our local community during this pandemic. She needs to resign immediately.

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Subject: Ethical complaints and Threats to persons and property
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 11:23:26 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Zelita Morgan (zelita.morgan@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 10:23:24

address: 39 Richards Avenue

comments: Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

On the matter of ethical complaints filed against Councilor Kennedy, I am sure facts will speak for themselves, as Councilor Kennedy has always conducted herself in truthful and ethical manner.

Ethical complaints have been used in the past against individuals targeted for their questioning attitude, as it unfortunately happened a few years ago with then Assistant Mayor Splaine.

The real problem are the reported threats posted in social media against a person and property. Do moderators and administrators of social media pages have a role and responsibility in identifying and taking a stand against such posts? What responsibility do moderators have on any actions resulting from posts that incite actions against individuals and property? What can you do as elected officials in face of such, within the powers bestowed on you as elected officials and moral obligation as civic leaders? Where is our moral center as a community?

You can uphold decency and respect in our civic life by owning and facing these difficult but important questions, and making sure the community is part of this conversation. Ultimately, however, the decision making power rests on you.

Tactics of polarization are not new, and social media has provided the perfect environment for those who would act in ways they would not normally do outside the company of their likeminded fellows. It is unfortunate that social media posts and activities directed at intimidating residents can be found as far back as 2014 or 2015.

But what can you do?

Be wise, be respectful, but be decisive. Be truthful to the oath you took. Draw lines where they need to be drawn to uphold our democratic values, identifying loopholes and closing gaps that could potentially allow actions of intimidation and retaliation to flourish.

Do not reward those who condone, have condoned or engaged directly or indirectly in behaviors or actions against the values and principles we uphold as a community.

The ethics complaints against Councilor Kennedy are empty, they have the intent to intimidate and inflict personal damage to a responsible and ethical resident and caring civic leader. In the end, what matters is not agreeing or disagreeing with someone, but being respectful, responsible, and civil. This is what democracy demands from us, from all of us.

Thank you for your time, for your service, and for responsibly leading our community through the challenges we face.

Sincerely,
Zelita Morgan

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From: [Nancy Pearson via FormMail.com](#)
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Subject: Ethics Complaint
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:06:14 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Nancy Pearson (votenanypearson@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 10:06:12

address: 104 Lincoln Ave

comments: Council:

This morning I filed a formal ethics complaint against Esther Kennedy. I believe she violated the City's Code of Ethics, which I explain in the letter. I also believe this is a serious enough offense that requires her immediate resignation.

During the July 13 City Council meeting, the chairs of the Citizens Response Task Force, appointed by the Mayor, reported that the \$50K of city finding that you unanimously approved for the project was not going to be distributed to the Pop Up group, but would be used to cover any costs incurred by the city.

During that same July 13, City Council meeting, the chairs reported to each of you that the working group for the Pop Up event was going through the process of 'incorporating as a nonprofit' under the name, POP UP PORTSMOUTH.

Two days later, on July 15, according to the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office, Kennedy reserved the trade name POP UP PORTSMOUTH, preventing the group from using that name, and causing a delay of the project that you approved.

Beyond the city's legal definition of ethics, I ask you personally to consider her actions. Her excuses thus far ring hollow and has been refuted by the task force updates and by the Pop Up subcommittee meeting minutes. Do her actions align with your personal ethics? What about your personal values?

I look forward to your reply.

Nancy Pearson

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Subject: Face Covering Resolution
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 4:32:21 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Joe Mulqueen (njmulqueen@msn.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 15:32:19

address: 38 Fells Road

comments: Recently I have been evaluating the science and clinical evidence concerning Covid-19, especially as regards to things we can do to protect our health. Naturally, this includes various face coverings. There are different masks designed for different purposes and situations but, here, I will focus on face coverings and the Covid-19 virus.

First, it is important to mention a few things about the Covid-19 virus and its transmission. Viruses are generally smaller than bacteria. Typical bacteria are in the range of one to twenty microns. The Covid-19 particle is about 0.1 microns. The covid virus can spread by direct contact but the primary transmission is by tiny droplets of less than 2 microns. These droplets can stay suspended in the air for hours because they are too small for the effects of gravity to cause them to fall out of the air. Each droplet can contain more than the minimum required dose of the virus to infect a person.

Second, consider three types of face coverings: N95 masks, surgical masks, and cloth masks.

N95 masks are designed to filter out 95% of particles greater than 0.3 microns, which means that 5% are not stopped and the covid particle is smaller than what the mask was designed for.

Surgical masks are designed to filter out particles greater than 5 microns and are used during surgery to reduce the potential germ load into the person being operated on and to protect the staff from blood and fluids that may splash them during the procedure.

Cloth face coverings vary considerably but, at best, will only filter particles greater than 5 microns and often have gaps between the edge of the mask and the person's face.

When people wear these face coverings they still have to breathe. When they exhale, much of the air exits around the perimeter of the mask. This puts covid droplets into air suspension. If the mask has an unfiltered exit vent, then more droplets are directly expelled. The longer the mask is worn the more moisture accumulates, making it more difficult for the breath to pass through the mask, and the greater the volume of air that exits at the perimeter. When people inhale, they are taking in air, including droplets, through gaps and relatively large pores in the mask. The bottom line is that breathing will cause some droplets to be inhaled and some to be exhaled. In the case of a virus such as Covid-19 these masks are not an effective means of protection.

Even before the Covid-19 outbreak, the effectiveness of masks against viruses in clinical settings was widely studied. Here are the results of a sampling of some well-done randomized control trials:

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1750-2659.2011.00307.x>

“There were 17 eligible studies. ... None of the studies established a conclusive relationship between mask/respirator use and protection against influenza infection.”

<https://www.cmaj.ca/content/188/8/567>

“We identified 6 clinical studies ... In the meta-analysis of the clinical studies, we found no significant difference between N95 respirators and surgical masks in associated risk of (a) laboratory-confirmed respiratory infection, (b) influenza-like illness, or (c) reported work-place absenteeism.”

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/jebm.12381>

“A total of six RCTs involving 9,171 participants were included. There were no statistically significant differences in preventing laboratory-confirmed influenza, laboratory-confirmed respiratory viral infections, laboratory-confirmed respiratory infection and influenza-like illness using N95 respirators and surgical masks.

As Denis G. Rancourt, PhD summarized in the paper “Masks Don’t Work: A review of science relevant to COVID-19 social policy”, “There have been extensive randomized controlled trial (RCT) studies, and meta-analysis reviews of RCT studies, which all show that masks and respirators do not work to prevent respiratory influenza-like illnesses, or respiratory illnesses believed to be transmitted by droplets and aerosol particles. Furthermore, the relevant known physics and biology, which I review, are such that masks and respirators should not work. It would be a paradox if masks and respirators worked, given what we know about viral respiratory diseases: The main transmission path is long-residence-time aerosol particles (< 2.5 µm), which are too fine to be blocked, and the minimum-infective-dose is smaller than one aerosol particle.”

Looking at the OSHA Cloth Face Coverings topic, we find:

Cloth face coverings:

Are not considered personal protective equipment (PPE).

Will not protect the wearer against airborne transmissible infectious agents due to loose fit and lack of seal or inadequate filtration.

Surgical masks:

Are typically cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as medical devices (though not all devices that look like surgical masks are actually medical-grade, cleared devices).

Are used to protect workers against splashes and sprays (i.e., droplets) containing potentially infectious materials. In this capacity, surgical masks are considered PPE.

May also be worn to contain the wearer's respiratory droplets (e.g., healthcare workers, such as surgeons, wear them to avoid contaminating surgical sites, and dentists and dental hygienists wear them to protect patients).

Will not protect the wearer against airborne transmissible infectious agents due to loose fit and lack of seal or inadequate filtration.

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/covid-19-faq.html#cloth-face-coverings>

The CDC report from May, 2020:

Our systematic review found no significant effect of face masks on transmission of laboratory-confirmed influenza.

https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/5/19-0994_article

Also to be considered is that, while masks do not provide protection against Covid-19, they do have potential harms and disadvantages according to the World Health Organization:

Advice on the use of masks in the context of COVID-19, 5 June 2020

Potential harms/disadvantages:

The likely disadvantages of the use of mask by healthy people in the general public include:

- potential increased risk of self-contamination due to the manipulation of a face mask and subsequently touching eyes with contaminated hands;(48, 49)
- potential self-contamination that can occur if non-medical masks are not changed when wet or soiled. This can create favourable conditions for microorganism to amplify;
- potential headache and/or breathing difficulties, depending on type of mask used;
- potential development of facial skin lesions, irritant dermatitis or worsening acne, when used frequently for long hours;(50)
- difficulty with communicating clearly;
- potential discomfort;(41, 51)
- a false sense of security, leading to potentially lower adherence to other critical preventive measures such as physical distancing and hand hygiene;
- poor compliance with mask wearing, in particular by young children;
- waste management issues; improper mask disposal leading to increased litter in public places, risk of contamination to street cleaners and environment hazard;
- difficulty communicating for deaf persons who rely on lip reading;
- disadvantages for or difficulty wearing them, especially for children, developmentally challenged persons, those with mental illness, elderly persons with cognitive impairment, those with asthma or chronic respiratory or breathing problems, those who have had facial trauma or recent oral maxillofacial surgery, and those living in hot and humid environments.

Finally, the California government clearly states that:

Cloth face covers are not protective equipment and do not protect the person wearing a cloth face cover from COVID-19.

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Infection-Prevention-in-Grocery-Stores.pdf>

Anyone recommending the use of face coverings for protection from Covid-19 needs to provide solid, scientific references showing that these face coverings are both safe and effective. If no such evidence is presented, you should not approve a face covering resolution and you should let the public know why.

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Subject: Face Masks 2
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:43:22 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Martin Fox (martinfox22@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 12:43:21

address: 211 Oriental Gardens

comments: Face Masks 2: (Please refer to my earlier message. This completes my request on why the face mask mandate requirement should not be implemented. A few councilors sent me back references to why they think the way they do. The CDC seems to be the big voice in their thinking. Here is a study published by journal that is part of the CDC.

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"Nonpharmaceutical Measures for Pandemic Influenza in Nonhealthcare Settings---Personal Protective and Environmental Measures." Published in: "Emerging Infectious Diseases, Vol.26, No. 5, May 2020."
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7181938/>

Highlights from the section: Discussion - exact quotes:

In this review, we did not find evidence to support a protective effect of personal protective measures or environmental measures in reducing influenza transmission. We did not find evidence of a major effect of hand hygiene on laboratory-confirmed influenza virus transmission.

We did not find evidence that surgical-type face masks are effective in reducing laboratory-confirmed influenza transmission, either when worn by infected persons (source control) or by persons in the general community to reduce their susceptibility.

Finally, although our review focused on nonpharmaceutical measures to be taken during influenza pandemics, the findings could also apply to severe seasonal influenza epidemics.

Evidence from RCTs of hand hygiene or face masks did not support a substantial effect on transmission of laboratory-confirmed influenza, and limited evidence was available on other environmental measures.

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I believe "mandates" are a serious act and should only be considered when the evidence is overwhelming clear. Once imposed they can be hard to remove and who knows what damage they may have instituted.

When I first got interested in whether face masks might help prevent the spread of CV19, I read the this virus is 0.1 microns and the best masks can only filter out particles greater than 5 microns! Just that should have ended it.

Also if you read the guidelines from the Mayo Clinic on the proper application of a mask I would challenge you to show me 1 person in a 10 who has installed it properly..

I believe I have offered ample evidence to show that the face mask is highly questionable for the desired outcome..

People can wear them, but should not be mandated and fined or jailed if they do not. This a serious matter with many ramifications. Thank you.

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Subject: Face masks
Date: Sunday, July 19, 2020 1:35:54 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Martin Fox (martinfox22@gmail.com) on Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 12:35:52

address: 211 Oriental Gardens

comments: I like to have the council rethink its decision to require face masks. Studies have conclusively proven masks do not prevent viral infections. Please see: https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2020/07/19/are-face-masks-effective.aspx?cid_source=dnl&cid_medium=email&cid_content=art1ReadMore&cid=20200719Z1&mid=DM600307&rid=920157551. I can provide more evidence if you like. If you are serious in helping restaurants and other business, it's time to get rid of the mask and social distancing. Help educate the public and stop the fear generation. If you do not agree with this information please send my your scientific research showing what I have submitted as bogus. Thank you.

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Subject: Face masks
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:51:45 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Evan McDermod (emcdermod@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 10:51:43

address: 1205 Islington Street

comments: Hello all,

Please check out this recent peer reviewed study on the ineffectiveness of facemasks in regard to COVID-19. For my own health concerns, I will not be wearing a mask if the city goes through with the mandatory mask implementation.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7323223/>

Be well,
Evan McDermod

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Subject: Final mask thoughts
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 11:08:58 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jason S Walls (jason.sedley.walls@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 10:08:56

address: 1113 Maplewood Ave

comments: Before anyone gets intent on creating an useless, or, at best, unsustainable ordinance that will require our police to stop and ticket people on the street, could we consider a compromise?

It seems like the biggest problem is people refusing to wear masks even when demanded by a private business. Can we maybe craft an ordinance requiring masks (with the same exceptions) inside businesses AND requiring the guidelines outlined by the state when it comes to restaurants (masks at all times other than when seated)?

That seem like it will address the big issue and give our businesses a little forceful backing when people are jerks.

-Jason

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Subject: Follow-up to Face Coverings meeting
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 5:43:52 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Joe Mulqueen (njmulqueen@msn.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 16:43:50

address: 38 Fells Road

comments: I was able to watch parts of the June 22nd meeting on face coverings and Covid-19 and it appears that there are two unstated assumptions at work that are making it difficult for you to come to a resolution on this issue.

The first is the assumption that the information you are getting from the Federal and State authorities reflects the actual science related to this issue. Consider that OSHA has posted that “Cloth and surgical masks will not protect the wearer against airborne transmissible infectious agents due to loose fit and lack of seal or inadequate filtration” and the CDC report from May, 2020 states “Our systematic review found no significant effect of face masks on transmission of laboratory-confirmed influenza.” These statements reflect the science but are not publicized because they do not fit the political narrative. When it comes to the health of our citizens, please look beyond the ‘sound bites’ to see what the science really says.

The second assumption is that masks must have some net positive effect, even if it is acknowledged that they do not provide complete protection. But, as Denis G. Rancourt, PhD summarized, “There have been extensive randomized controlled trial (RCT) studies, and meta-analysis reviews of RCT studies, which all show that masks and respirators do not work to prevent respiratory influenza-like illnesses, or respiratory illnesses believed to be transmitted by droplets and aerosol particles.

Furthermore, the relevant known physics and biology are such that masks and respirators should not work. It would be a paradox if masks and respirators worked, given what we know about viral respiratory diseases: The main transmission path is long-residence-time aerosol particles (< 2.5 µm), which are too fine to be blocked, and the minimum-infective-dose is smaller than one aerosol particle.”

An analogy may be helpful to understand this point. Suppose the Council was concerned about disease transmission by mosquitoes and flies and put out a resolution requiring all windows in Portsmouth to be covered with chicken wire screening. Clearly, chicken wire would not work to prevent mosquitoes and flies from entering the windows. At human scale this is obvious to us but the same is true for viruses that are 0.1 microns. All it takes for you to be exposed to the virus is for one of the droplets in the air to be breathed in. The gaps, flaws, and movements of these face coverings make them appear as chicken wire to the covid virus.

If you are still not comfortable with the idea that, as the California government clearly states, “Cloth face covers are not protective equipment and do not protect the person wearing a cloth face cover from COVID-19” you might consider putting this issue on hold while you ask the State viral expert to provide the scientific basis for why these face coverings are effective against Covid-19. Also, please keep in mind that there are many serious harms and disadvantages to wearing these masks, so you should have strong evidence that there will be a net positive effect before recommending their use.

In the meantime, as I mentioned in my previous email, I have been evaluating the science and clinical evidence concerning Covid-19, especially as regards to things we can do to protect our health. There is far too much information to put in an email but I can outline things to be aware of and some things you can do.

One reason that covid has been such an issue is that, in the US, 88% of the population is not metabolically healthy. Most people have compromised immune systems and it is our immune system that is our natural defense against the virus. Depending on a person’s health and level of infection, here is a list of steps to take:

1. Everyone should do what they can to boost their overall health and, especially, their immune health. City council actions: stop fluoridating the water supply (fluoride has many harmful effects, including on the immune system), eliminate the use of industrial seed oils (especially corn, canola, and soy oils), sugary beverages (sodas,

sports drinks, fruit juices), and all junk food from schools and other city properties.

2. Everyone should have their vitamin D level [25(OH)D] checked and work to raise their reading to a protective level (note vitamin D3 is the form to take, D2 actually has a negative effect). A reading of less than 20 is seriously deficient, 20 to 32 is very deficient, 33 to 40 is deficient, 41 to 50 is deficient for Covid-19. The goal is to be above 55, and especially from 60 to 80. Note that it is common for what the British refer to as BAME (Black, Asian, ethnic minority) to have low levels of vitamin D. Also, sick and elderly people tend to be very deficient. People with a vitamin D level below 20 have greater than 90% risk of a severe reaction to the virus, including death. The higher your level the lower your chances of having an issue with covid. People with a level above 60 have less than 2% chance of a severe reaction.

3. Other things you can do to boost your health and immune system involve vitamin K2, vitamin C, zinc, magnesium, and omega-3 DHA, as well improving your HDL/triglyceride ratio.

4. For people who are symptomatic as outpatients, there is an HCQ, zinc, azithromycin protocol that can be used.

5. For in-hospital patients with a risk for sepsis, if their CRP level is greater than 20 they can use the Marik Protocol.

6. For in-hospital patients who are symptomatic, they can use the MATH+ protocol.

There is more than is mentioned in the above list but I wanted to keep it as brief as possible. There is a great deal of science and clinical success information available on the web and I would be glad to share my research to help promote the health of our citizens.

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Subject: Inappropriate Council behavior
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 8:39:42 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Eric Weinrieb (Eric@altus-eng.com) on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 07:39:40

address: 9 Middle Road

comments: Honorable Mayor Becksted and Members of the City Council,

Except for a 4-year stint in Greenland, I have been a resident of Portsmouth since 1985. I have always been proud to call Portsmouth my home. It is a great place to live, work, and play. As a business owner, I have always watched closely how our government has worked. We have had our share challenges and confrontations among our elected officials and staff over the years, but we have persevered. As a City, we have made mistakes. We have also made great decisions.

I do not always agree with the current Mayor's opinions and actions. However, I strongly believe there is no one in this City who is more passionate and driven to do right for Portsmouth. Our Mayor not only leads the meetings, he jumps in to physically to help whenever and wherever possible. It is a rare and valued style of leadership. It is noticed by many residents.

Speaking your mind in a respectful way and getting the opinions and the perceived opinions of the residents heard are important. Up until recently, I have found that our Council has done a good job with this mission. They have always acted with respect to each other, to our residents, business owners, and City Staff.

Then we elected Councilor Kennedy. She threw away the book on respect, honesty, civility, and helpfulness. I am appalled at the way she speaks to the Mayor, members of the Council, business owners, and City Staff. It downright vile and disrespectful.

Her recent actions to show up the those volunteering to help our business owners and residents survive in a time where we all need as much support as possible is shocking. It is underhanded and deceitful. Councilor Kennedy makes it her mission to insult and hurt business owners, residents, and staff.

There is no honesty or integrity with this person. I have seen many Councilor's come and go over the years. I have never seen anyone so anti-business, anti-resident, and anti-staff. There is no room in this City for people who are malicious.

I beg Council Kennedy for once do the right thing and resign. If she does not resign, I request that the rest of the Council encourage her to step down.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weinrieb
9 Middle Road

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From: [Mark Marshall via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Inexcusable.
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 7:10:32 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mark Marshall (Markmarshall32185@gmail.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 18:10:30

address: 445 Pleasant st unit 1

comments: "Being a leader sometimes means you take the arrows" - Councilor McEachern

This quote has been rattling in my head since he said it. It's a statement about accountability. A decision to make sure things are done and when they aren't, it falls on a leader to step up.

You have someone who not only does not conduct herself as a leader but in fact does the exact opposite. I've sat through multiple council meetings and constantly find myself getting angry over the constant undercutting of the efforts of fellow council members and leaders within the community. Now come to find out, one of the great initiatives that members of the community have stepped up to lead (Portsmouth Pop-up) has been undercut by the actions of Councilor Kennedy.

This behavior is unethical and not in the interest of city businesses and residents. I call for her removal from the council so that the important actions needing to be taken to protect local businesses and make this city successful can be taken without further impediment.

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From: [ROBERT NEWBY via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: July 14 McIntyre Survey
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 9:57:19 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
ROBERT NEWBY (Bob_Newby@comcast.net) on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 08:57:17

address: 183 MILLER AVENUE

comments: Subject: Fatal Flaw in July 14 McIntyre Survey

Part 1 of this survey is fatally flawed, and hence useless.

Allow me to explain why:

- a) The phrase "please rank in order of importance (1-5)" is ambiguous.
- b) Does it mean "in INCREASING order of importance"?
- c) Or does it mean "in DECREASING order of importance"?

Who knows? I sure don't, and I am an accomplished economist and software engineer who has surveyed constituents on many complex, multidimensional issues over a 35-year career.

The City needs to re-issue the McIntyre survey so as to eliminate this ambiguity. In addition, it needs to dispose of all responses to the July 14 survey, making no use of them whatsoever.

If not, then all survey "results" will in fact be useless garbage, since any given resident will utilize the "ordering" that seems right to them, either INCREASING or DECREASING, varying from one resident to another.

I rarely insert myself into City matters. However, the present matter is so egregious that I simply cannot be silent about it.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Newby
183 Miller Avenue
Portsmouth NH 03801

Bob_Newby@comcast.net

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From: [Jason Boucher via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Kennedy Must Resign
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 2:19:39 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jason Boucher (boucher.jason@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 13:19:37

address: 65 WIBIRD ST

comments: Good Afternoon,

I'm a concerned voter and resident of Portsmouth, NH and I'm fed up with the deceitful actions of Councilor Esther Kennedy in regards to 'Pop Up Portsmouth' or whatever the new name will be due to the delay she has caused. Sadly, Kennedy acted in bad faith and broken the trust of Portsmouth residents. The volunteer group, who are only trying to help local Portsmouth businesses survive the pandemic, did not find out about the actions of City Councilor Kennedy until they arrived at the bank to open the proper accounts. With all of the local businesses that have already closed, due to the pandemic; her actions are inexcusable. Pop Up Portsmouth has been delayed in their opening because of her actions. The right thing to do is to step down from city council and apologize to the many local businesses affected by this nonsense. I have lost faith in Portsmouth City Council and I cannot take you seriously until her resignation occurs. We need to do what's best for our city. Thank yo!

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From: [Michael Bocash via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Kennedy
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:55:28 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Michael Bocash (Michaelbocash@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 06:55:26

address: 520 Colonial dr

comments: Please remove Esther Kennedy from her position for her unethical behavior

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From: [Jim Smalley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Kennedy's registration of "Pop Up Portsmouth"
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 6:35:02 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jim Smalley (Jsmalleycfa@gmail.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 17:35:00

address: 352 Keardsarge Way, Portsmouth

comments: Counsellors,

Why is Esther Kennedy registering the name "Pop Up Portsmouth" with the secretary of state, using her home address?

Thank you,
Jim

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From: [Cynthia Taylor-Hollandbeck via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 5:08:30 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Cynthia Taylor-Hollandbeck (cyndi.hollandbeck@icloud.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 16:08:29

address: 6 Elwyn Rd

comments: 21 July, 2020

The Honorable Rick Becksted, Mayor
The Honorable Jim Splaine, Assistant Mayor
City Councilors,

When, on July 4, 1776, very wise men declared independence from England and its tyrannical King, they put quill to animal skin and forged the Declaration of Independence; in which it states, "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. That whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Safety and Happiness.

New Hampshire, being one of the original 13 Colonies, was an active member in the drafting of our Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and Constitution of the United States of America.

On June 2, 1784, the New Hampshire Constitution took effect. Under the First Part of the Bill of Rights, Article 2 cites Natural Rights. It says, All men have certain natural, essential, and inherent rights – among which are, the enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; and, in a word, of seeking and obtaining happiness. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by this state on account of race, creed, color, sex or natural origin.

Let's look at unalienable/inalienable and natural rights of men (which includes all persons). Man, being human, has the unalienable/inalienable and natural right to oxygen. Without it, we die. We also have the right to not be manipulated through false data, false news, and the complicity of a false press. All of this together has created fear in our citizens of Portsmouth, the likes of which I have never seen in my lifetime.

I will tell you the truth. I have not worn a mask since day one of this Covid disaster, and neither has my husband. We have shopped at Market Basket, Lowes, Home Depot, McKinnons, WalMart, CVS, NH Liquor and Wine Commission; I have attended events, and we've had friends over for dinner—neither one of us has gotten sick. If Covid was as pervasive as you deem it to be, shouldn't we have been sick, hospitalized, or dead by now? But we're not. We haven't even caught a cold in over a year.

By propagating false numbers and false data, the Governor is also participating in the institution of fear among Portsmouth residents. Now you come along, and want to mandate mask wear in Portsmouth; however, I am asking you to reconsider this move.

You are pitting neighbor against neighbor. I have never seen a non-mask-wearer yell at, condemn, get in the face of, or bully a mask-wearer. We believe that wearing a mask, and risking the health conditions one can acquire from the wearing of said mask, is an individuals' right. But choosing to not wear a mask is also an individuals' right. I have seen first-hand and heard stories about how non-mask-wearers are treated in every way I have listed above,

including stares, dirty looks, sighs, eye-rolls, etc.. this is unconscionable behavior. As Americans, and citizens of New Hampshire and Portsmouth in particular, we have the natural right, and a human right to not wear a mask—with or without medical or mental condition(s),

On the box of medical masks itself, it says masks do not protect from the Coronavirus. By the way, did you know that the common cold is a Coronavirus? Check WebMD. It says so right there. So now, because of this message on the mask box, people are saying they're protecting me, instead of the other way around by wearing a mask. Why does a person who is healthy then, need to wear a mask? What are they supposedly protecting me, and everyone else from? Health? It makes no sense. I can see as a common courtesy, a person who is sick, wearing a mask to protect others from whatever they have; but requiring healthy people to wear masks to protect other healthy people? At this point, the mandating the wearing of masks is ridiculous on its face. Let alone, worthy of a mandate, replete with fees for "non-conformance" I suppose. Then you have your cloth masks, that don't do anything to protect the wearer from anything; they just deprive the wearer of precious oxygen. And even N-9!

5 masks do not protect 100% and again, deprive the wearer of oxygen. The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (aapsonline.org/mask-facts/) says, "Wearing masks will not reduce SARS-CoV-2. Masks may confuse the message and give people a false sense of security. Penetration of cloth masks by particles was 97%. Medical mask penetration 44%. Wearing a mask outside healthcare facilities offers little if any protection from infection—The New England Journal of Medicine."

We all know your politics, but this mask issue, or the issue of Covid shouldn't be about politics, although it certainly has been. I am asking you to move your thoughts on this mandate out of the political realm, and into the realm of Constitutionality and common sense. As the City government of Portsmouth, you honestly don't have the power to mandate the wearing of masks. You are way-overstepping your authority. You weren't elected to be the nanny of the people of Portsmouth. You were elected to be the representatives of the citizens of the City of Portsmouth. Remember, your position on mask use is not all about you. It's about us, the 22,000 citizens that are being divided by stupid masks over 17 current Covid hospitalizations in the entirety of New Hampshire. Covid is on its way out. Please, don't make an ordinance. You should be uniting the citizens of Portsmouth who have been torn apart by this Covid mess, not further dividing us. Remember, your powers come from

om the consent of the governed—us—the citizens of Portsmouth. Your powers do not come from yourselves.

I respectfully submit the above for your consideration as you meet tomorrow evening to consider the Portsmouth mask mandate.

Kindly Submitted,

Cynthia (Cyndi) Taylor-Hollandbeck
6 Elwyn Road
Portsmouth, NH 03801
603-502-3334

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From: [Michael Sanders via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate Wholly Inappropriate and Divisive
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 3:25:58 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Michael Sanders (mikejsand80@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 14:25:57

address: 10 Marjorie St

comments: Mandating masks in Portsmouth is entirely unacceptable and simply a pointless gesture five months into a pandemic that, while certainly scary at first, has morphed into nothing more than a seasonal flu equivalent, albeit more contagious, with a roughly .26% death rate for those under 60 without a preexisting condition. Granted, I quote .26% from the CDC from roughly two weeks ago. It has probably dropped since then.

With a meager 76 cases since Portsmouth began tracking, and according to WMUR which I have been checking daily since beaches opened, a maximum of six active cases and normally 1-4, even two weeks after July 4th, there is simply no real health reason for Portsmouth to fear covid at all, let alone create divisive laws to control people in egregious and ineffective ways.

It is time to reopen entirely, following our governors and CDC guidelines as a maximum, which simply encourages social distancing and masks. No requirement.

Even without a mandate, while I respectfully wear one when a business asks me to, I do so solely as an economic reason so that the scared people feel safe from a disease that really won't hurt the vast, vast majority. Masks have nothing to do with health and many specifically state they do not protect from covid. The mantra it is to protect others from your droplets is simply a compliance tactic.

Look at places around the country with mandates. Miami, Vegas, San Antonio. They're doing a wonderful job showing mandates fail. New England, excluding Mass, is proving common sense and personal responsibility prevail.

The only valid reason to wear a mask is to make scared people feel safe. That's all they do. Especially cloth rags.

As an economic issue, should a business (or town) crudely demand I wear one with mandates or demeaning signs on entrance, as an economic decision, I will spend my money elsewhere.

As a ten year resident of Portsmouth, that amount is substantial for a town I love and wish to protect economically.

Enforcement is a problem. How would you ever enforce this rule? Will police have a tape measure? Will I be arrested if I refuse to approach a police officer to hand over my documents even as many states release career criminals to reduce spread? With a mandate, will virtual signalers feel empowered to not just yell or insult anymore but rather to assault or create a police state reminiscent of McCarthyism?

All a mandate will do is create division among a city whose people are by and large amazing and before Covid, respectful of each other despite differing opinions and views.

Speaking of people who I have a differing opinion on masks with yet respect as people, the founders of Pop Up Portsmouth deserve or support and respect. Esther Kennedy should be investigated and if due process proves ill intent, she should be removed from office and indicted.

I'll be there when it opens despite your adversity or what you call it. Just keep your business-rule driven mask signs respectful.

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From: [Edward Flaherty via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask mandate
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 6:26:22 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Edward Flaherty (edflaherty@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 05:26:20

address: 5 Brookside Dr #11 Exeter, NH 03833

comments: Although I live in Exeter, I shop in Portsmouth. Already, the manager at McKinnon's butcher was trying to enforce this when it isn't even law yet. He was angry when I asked him about medical conditions that don't allow people to wear masks. I am concerned that there will be no allowance for the dozens of physical and psychological illnesses that mask wearing will exacerbate. This goes against ADA and OSHA guidelines. Numerous studies also show that besides being potentially dangerous, masks don't work to stop a virus, which is much smaller than the openings. The death rate is dropping, and positive cases only show an increase in testing and that we are heading for natural herd immunity. The vast majority of people who die are old and have one or more co-morbidities. Children seem virtually immune. In short, masks are useless, potentially dangerous, anti-social and unconstitutional. Doctors are not trained in this and should take their cues from OSHA certified PPE e!

xperts. Anyone required to wear a mask all day has to be medically examined first. These are OSHA rules. You are setting yourself up for a bunch of law suits.

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From: [Amy Keaveney via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 5:08:07 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Amy Keaveney (a_keaveney@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 16:08:05

address: 69 Elwyn Avenue

comments: City Counselors,

Please add my name to the list of unhappy Portsmouth residents who believe that the mask ordinance undermines our rights as citizens to have freedom of choice over what is best for our bodies. At this point in time I would have thought you had a clearer picture of the virus statistics.

I cite an article from The New England Journal of Medicine, "We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection. Public health authorities define a significant exposure to Covid-19 as face-to-face contact within 6 feet with a patient with symptomatic Covid-19 that is sustained for at least a few minutes (and some say more than 10 minutes or even 30 minutes). The chance of catching Covid-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is therefore minimal. In many cases, the desire for widespread masking is a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the pandemic."

And, "Expanded masking protocols' greatest contribution may be to reduce the transmission of anxiety, over and above whatever role they may play in reducing transmission of Covid 19."

We flattened the curve, we followed protocols. We aren't ever going to be free of viruses. But we must be free to decide what is best for ourselves and our families. Wear a mask if you wish and are afraid. I (and others I know) will not patronize establishments that demand mask wearing as it feels wrong to walk in as a customer but have demands placed on you immediately. Here's a story for you: I was in Market Basket other day and the man next to me removed his mask to sneeze, right into the air. Citations should be interesting!

I would love to share with you what I've learned about the immune system from studying and receiving a certificate as a Health Practitioner from the International School of Regenerative Detoxification. I think people would be less frightened.

Finally, please do not perpetuate any more divisiveness. It's very difficult to respect anyone who contradicts themselves and doesn't try to understand all sides. Politicizing the virus is not helpful. To have a visit from Pres Trump be "biological warfare" but 3 days of protests be cool w/you is... interesting.

Third generation Portsmouth resident,

Amy Keaveney

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From: [John Murtha via FormMail.com](mailto:John.Murtha@formmail.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance
Date: Saturday, July 18, 2020 10:37:45 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
John Murtha (murthalandscapes@comcast.net) on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at 09:37:42

address: 545 ocean road

comments: I can't believe I have to write this or share this but I have a preexisting condition called Barrett's esophagus I've know about it for twenty five years found out accidentally after a work accident Doctor Flavin in Dover is my physician I've know many misconceptions about the condition that have been rebuked by time I felt fear when I found out but now have none I truly believe in conscious breathing and it's effects I practice it daily I'm also osha trained and understand when conditions warrant masks also when oxygen needs to be added I'm not going to wear your masks because of my condition also because that fact is only n95 medical grade masks protect from a virus of any origin I would like a letter from you people so when I'm subjugated and discriminated on at Walmart Home Depot etc that I'm exempt from this silly over step of power that you've wasted your time with not to mention your total disregard of our governor who's done a great jo!

b getting us to a point of one reopening two getting kids back to school and three bringing back a sense of normalcy I don't understand how you guys can justify the absolute waste of time this was please don't attempt to hinder my freedom because of my health I don't care what anyone has for an opinion on my condition either I've lived with it for 25 years without any of your assistance also for many years without insurance and I know what I need to do to live with it to the extent of my life whatever that maybe which is also none of any of your business if you don't reply I'm prepared to take action legally the first time I'm refused entrance in businesses I've supported for my 32 years living on the Seacoast you've added to this horrible division we're living thru shame on everyone who voted for this your fears aren't professionalism I don't see MD at the end of any of your names good day god bless and try to take a posture that brings individuals !

together instead dividing us from an opinion that has zero scientific proof to work please it's important

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From: [Captain America via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 7:00:01 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Captain America (bcmastro@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 05:59:59

address: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

comments: The lack of empathy for others in the city of Portsmouth is astounding. Wearing a mask is not about your personal freedom. It is about protecting the community. They are not the most effective method to defend against coronavirus; isolation is. Seeing as Portsmouth/NH is no longer under the stay-at-home order, masks and respiratory protection are our best bet. Wearing a covering reduces the airborne droplets produced as we breathe and speak; it minimizes/slows the spread, not halts it. There is no reason to not wear a mask besides "I don't want to" or "I have freedom". I am disgusted by those who would rather see others die than take the most basic precaution possible- the fact that people want to continue their public contact at all is appalling.

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From: [Donna Westbrook via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:26:47 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Donna Westbrook (dmwestbrook@comcast.net) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 09:26:46

address: 76D Manor Drive

comments: To the mayor and all city councilors,

This is the third time I have written to ask or advocate for a mask mandate. I hope all city councilors can come to an agreement and make a mask mandate a city ordinance, for everyone's safety. Thank you!

Donna Westbrook
76D Manor Drive
Portsmouth, NH 03801
dmwestbrook@comcast.net

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From: [Rep. David Meuse via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance: Penalties and Enforcement
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:49:33 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Rep. David Meuse (David.Meuse@leg.state.nh.us) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 12:49:31

address: 579 Sagamore Avenue, Unit 97

comments:
Councilors and Mayor Becksted,

Thank you for your willingness to move the mask issue forward during tonight's work session.

At this point, the question isn't whether or not Portsmouth needs an ordinance mandating masks. Given the resurgence of the virus taking place across the country, the lack of people wearing masks inside many of our local businesses, and the high level of concern among our residents and our business community, we clearly do.

Because I expect others to emphasize the need for the ordinance, I'll confine my note to two critical issues: penalties and enforcement.

As one of Portsmouth's seven state representatives, I serve on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. One of the responsibilities of our committee is to recommend to the full legislature whether or not to accept new penalties or changes in penalties when they are proposed in legislation.

For the most part, members of my committee are not legal experts. Like you, we are citizen volunteers who do much of our own research, look closely at the legislation and related statutes in other states, and try to digest what the public, experts, and key stakeholders tell us to a point where we feel comfortable making a decision.

In the past three months, my research shows mandatory local mask ordinances not only popping up in places like Nashua, but in communities across the country. While not all of the ordinances specify a penalty, those that do specify a civil penalty. In New Hampshire, a civil penalty would be violation-level offense, which is usually punishable by a fine of \$1,000 or less (usually much less) with no threat of jail time. Traffic tickets, parking tickets, and minor traffic infractions such as failure to signal a turn when operating an automobile are examples of violation-level offenses.

As the City's own research has likely revealed, Nashua's ordinance doesn't specify a penalty. But this doesn't mean that there is no threat of a penalty for people violating Nashua's mask ordinance. That's because the City of Nashua has a general provision that establishes up to a \$1,000 fine for violation of city ordinances. In contrast, other cities, like Sumter, North Carolina, have settled on a smaller amount—a \$50 civil penalty. Cambridge, Massachusetts mirrors the Massachusetts state penalty of \$300 in its ordinance.

To me, the key factors in deciding the amount of a penalty are 1) the amount of other penalties imposed at the state and local level for acts resulting in a similar level of potential harm 2) the risk of the penalty unfairly or inappropriately placing an unreasonable burden on certain classes of citizens and 3) whether the goal of the penalty is punishment, behavior change, or a combination of both.

In New Hampshire, it's possible to draw a rough analogy between failure to mask-up inside businesses and other places where 6 feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained and negligent driving—which also can potentially endanger human lives and carries a minimum fine of \$250 for a first offense. At the state level, these are the sort of parallels we look for when we try to decide whether a penalty is appropriate or not.

As for enforcement, I believe the goal of Portsmouth's approach should be maximize compliance and establish mask wearing as a social norm—not to fill the city's coffers with new revenue from fines. While many residents and visitors will be intrinsically motivated to wear masks because it's the right thing to do (and something that a good marketing campaign can convince even more people to do), the experience of the first three months of the pandemic has shown that some people will only respond to extrinsic motivators—including the threat of a penalty. While most of the ordinances in my research leave it unclear exactly who will do the enforcing, the Massachusetts Emergency Order (which I realize is not a local ordinance) does a good job of specifying that "local boards of public health and their authorized agents" with the "assistance of state and municipal police" are responsible for enforcing the order. So one possible route would be empowering the city !

health officer to issue violations and/or enlisting a police officer periodically patrol the downtown to "remind" people of the ordinance—and to issue violations to those who refuse to comply. Worth noting is that some of the ordinances also allow a penalty to be imposed on business owners and staff who fail to comply—a situation which I understand has been rare in Portsmouth, but one that I have personally witnessed on at least two occasions.

Keep in mind that your job tonight isn't necessarily to decide HOW the ordinance will be enforced. Rather, it's to create an ordinance that's enforceable. Tight definitions, clear descriptions of the prohibited behavior, well-defined exemptions and exceptions, clear consequences, and a reasonable penalty will go a long way in helping you succeed.

Rep. David Meuse, Portsmouth

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From: [Gerald W.R. Ward via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask resolution and ordinance
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 2:08:42 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Gerald W.R. Ward (ward4staterep@gmail.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 13:08:40

address: 16 Nixon Park

comments: Thank you all for your good work on masks last week. Keep up the good work!
In terms of an amendment to the resolution, as it works its way to an ordinance, I would suggest that you consider adding wording that would allow private enterprises to set higher (but not lower) standards than the resolution states for indoor use.

Thanks again for all the hard work and for the unanimity. Very glad everyone is on board, as the idea seems to be taking hold across the country, despite the lack of leadership at the federal or (as in our case) state level.

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From: [Robin Albert Lehman via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask Resolution
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:12:03 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Robin Albert Lehman (ralbert52@hotmail.com) on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 13:12:01

address: 401 Stat St

comments: Dear Council members,

Thank you for taking the initiative to create the resolution concerning wearing of face masks, and for moving forward with an ordinance. I do think there is one point that is lacking in regards to this sentence: " When an individual is in any situation where at least six feet is maintained, no face covering is required." -

I think there must be an additional statement that makes it clear that this resolution or ordinance does not inhibit or limit in any way the existing ability of a private enterprise from setting and enforcing its own stricter standards and regulations that may exceed what is called for in this motion.

I am speaking for myself as a downtown worker and not officially on behalf of my employer. As an example, we require masks to be worn the entire time visitors are in our building, even if they are 6 feet or more from another person.

I would not want a visitor to say, "The City Ordinance says I don't have to wear a mask if I'm 6' away."
Thank you.

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From: [Melissa via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask vs Liberty
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 5:04:22 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Melissa (Melissa@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 04:04:20

address: NH

comments: "Those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." -Benjamin Franklin

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From: [Lennie Mullaney via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask wearing
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2020 6:52:44 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Lennie Mullaney (lennie.mullaney@gmail.com) on Sunday, July 26, 2020 at 05:52:42

address: 579 Sagamore Ave #52 Portsmouth NH

comments: Dear Councilors, My husband, Don Brabant, and I are both in favor of requiring all residents or visitors to Portsmouth to wear masks in public places. This means in stores or restaurants, at public events, and downtown when one cannot be six feet apart. Children under six excepted (although I have trained my grandchildren, even as young as four, to wear masks whenever we enter a store. They are very compliant.) When exercising or walking outdoors, we do not wear a mask. However, we carry one in our pockets at all times. Many times while walking, one encounters a group on the sidewalk that don't grant you space. Sometimes the road traffic is too busy to step into the street, so we pop on our masks. I am auto-immune compromised. Last week, while walking on the sidewalk, a group of teenagers (PS: I was a middle school/ high school teacher and love teens) were walking four abreast. I popped on my mask. One girl locked eyes with me. Instead of the girls f!

forming single file to let me pass, they remained a barrier and deliberating shoulder bumped me with some force. Then turned back to laugh at a 68 year lady (me) who has a walking disability. I forgive them; they will grow up. But until then, PLEASE mandate masks in public.

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From: [Leslie Allen via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:38:15 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Leslie Allen (mlrealen@verizon.net) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 18:38:13

address: 143 Brackett Road

comments: Because science and common sense!

Dear City Councilors - Help make our town safe and our upcoming elections safe for all. Nobody said masks were 100% effective... but they are the first line of defense and the medical experts agree that it is the easiest and most successful tool for stopping the spread of Covid.

from WMUR newsletter: Admiral Brett Giroir, a member of the White House coronavirus task force, said in an interview Sunday that there is "no downside to wearing a mask." He went on to say, "It's really essential to wear masks and for this to work we have to have like 90% of people wearing a mask in public in the hotspot areas, if we don't have that we will not get control of the virus."

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From: [Janette Desmond via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:45:23 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Janette Desmond (portsmouth@kilwins.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 13:45:22

address: 579 SAGAMORE AVE, Unit 48

comments: I will be unable to attend tonight due to conflicts but please know that I firmly stand behind a city ordinance that requires face masks. Keep Portsmouth healthy and safe!

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From: [Bill Hamilton via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: McIntyre
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 11:33:44 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Bill Hamilton (bill@phineasgraphics.com) on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 10:33:43

address: 108 Penhallow St.

comments: Dear Councilors,

In addition to Portsmouth residents receiving your survey about the future direction of the McIntyre, shouldn't you also be sending it to local business owners who will be directly and indirectly affected by this project? After all, as a business development in our downtown, the McIntyre will change it's nature and change the business environment. Please consider sending it to all business in Portsmouth.

A response would be appreciated.

Thank you,

Bill Hamilton

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From: [Jon Wyckoff via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mill Pond land
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 2:22:19 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jon Wyckoff (Jon9wyckoff@gmail.com) on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 13:22:17

address: 135 Sparhawk st

comments: Greetings to you all. Hope you and your friends are healthy in body and mind! Last January I wrote to you all congratulating on your elections and mentioning a simple request. In that email I asked you to consider the naming of the city lot on Mill Pond Way, Paul McEachern Park. In that letter I ran down the details of his obtaining the land for the city, so I won't repeat myself. At this point we, the Advocates for the North Mill Pond, and the Creek Neighborhood Committee, are not asking for any funds as we respect what everyone is up against, just the formality of a token of our respect for one of the most important men in our city in the last 50 years. We have also dedicated ourselves to raising the funds for an appropriate sign, which we would, with directions from the DPW, install ourselves. This is similar to our actions on installing the Little Free Library in the Pine St Park. We are great full for the mowing maintenance and 2 picnic tables provided by Directo!

r Peter Rice. Please consider this at your next meeting.
Thank you, Jon Wyckoff

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From: [Peter Beardsley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ms. Kennedy and Portsmouth Pop Up
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:57:09 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Peter Beardsley (pjbeardsley@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 06:57:06

address: 1220 Islington Street

comments: I'm writing to voice my disapproval of the actions of Esther Kennedy regarding her registration of the Portsmouth Pop Up nonprofit. She attempted to undermine the hard work of those involved to... "teach them a lesson"? Is she their kindergarten teacher? How are your constituents expected to take a public figure who behaves in such an unprofessional manner seriously?

I realize there is nothing that can practically be done about the situation and everyone involved is moving on. But I would hope that you at least feel some sense of embarrassment that one of your members acts like a petulant child.

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From: [PoliteMail Software via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: No to Mask Mandate
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 6:01:25 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
PoliteMail Software (md@politemail.com) on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 17:01:22

address: ATTN MICHAEL DESROCHERS 300 CONSTITUTION AVE

comments: As a business owner in Portsmouth, I urge you to investigate the facts on mask effectiveness and DO NOT make them mandatory. Here is a good meta analysis of the known facts, actual science.

<https://principia-scientific.org/why-masks-dont-work-against-covid-19/>

In an absence of knowledge, governments should not make policies that have a hypothetical potential to cause harm, simply to appease fear-based sentiments.

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From: [Sheila oconnell via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: No to mask mandate
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 12:28:07 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Sheila oconnell (Sheleymoconnel@mail.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 23:28:05

address: 90 edmonf ave Portsmouth nh

comments: I was dismayed as a long time resident of portsmouth that 5 months into the virus pandemic masks were being proposed. The numbers in.nh do not support this. My mom is 83 and I am almost 58. We will not comply. I have worked all thru this and I am fine. Portsmouth business can decide which crowd they would like to service. The clientele woo sort itself Should this mandate occur I can guarantee we will. E met with noncompliance and boycotts. I could go on about the beauty and diversity that defines our city. Respect our choices. The proof is in the numbers. We are fine when we make our choices while respecting others.
Dont destroy what makes us the best city anywhere.

Thank you,
Sheila and Norma oconnell

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From: [Janet Thompson via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: One Way Woodbury Avenue & Morning Street
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:20:16 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Janet Thompson (janetthompson130@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 07:20:14

address: 19 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801

comments: Dear City Councilors,
Would you kindly please provide me your e-mail addresses. I have written a letter and want to include some photographs of the problems incurring in our neighborhood. A recent car accident on July 14, 2020 has caused my neighbors and myself to take action for our area. All three vehicles had to be towed away, due to the severity of the damage. The residents on these streets have been asking for a solution to the problem since September of 2008. Twelve years is a long time to wait and it will only get worse with the West End development. Thank you for your serious consideration to this issue.

My best,
Janet Thompson

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From: [Stefanie Burra via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Outdoor Seating for Bars/Restaurants
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2020 1:27:24 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Stefanie Burra (Stefanie.Burra@Gmail.com) on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 12:27:23

address: 46 Dennett St

comments: Hello,

My name is Stefanie Burra, and I have been a Portsmouth resident for over a year now. I applaud the city's quick response to the Covid crisis, specifically the permits allowing local restaurants to open new outdoor seating areas. I am writing today to ask the city to consider making these outdoor seating areas a more permanent fixture in town during the summer (even after the crisis). When I walk Market square now, with the new seating areas, the town has a completely new and vibrant feel. With tourism being especially important to this city, I feel that this outdoor seating would be a tremendous draw to bring tourist dollars back to the city.

Please consider allowing these outdoor seating areas to remain in town. It will definitely do more for the city in the long term than the parking areas/road space it costs.

Thank you,

Stefanie Burra

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From: [Gwendolyn Hoerman via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Outdoor Seating in Town
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2020 1:14:29 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Gwendolyn Hoerman (Gwenhoerman@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 12:14:28

address: 145 Brewery Lane

comments: Hello, My name is Gwen Hoerman, and I have been a Portsmouth resident for over 5 years now. I applaud the city's quick response to the Covid crisis, specifically the permits allowing local restaurants to open new outdoor seating areas. I am writing today to ask the city to consider making these outdoor seating areas a more permanent fixture in town during the summer (even after the crisis). When I walk Market square now, with the new seating areas, the town has a completely new and vibrant feel. With tourism being especially important to this city, I feel that this outdoor seating would be a tremendous draw to bring tourist dollars back to the city. Please consider allowing these outdoor seating areas to remain in town. It will definitely do more for the city in the long term than the parking areas/road space it costs.

Thank you,
Gwen Hoerman

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From: [Wendy Kessler via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pass Face Mask Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 5:05:07 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Wendy Kessler (FAGELBAGEL@AOL.COM) on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 16:05:05

address: 790 McGee Drive

comments: Thank you for passing a mask mandate resolution for Portsmouth last night. I understand that you will be crafting an ordinance this week that will require face coverings in the city when people are unable to social distance at least 6 feet.

I read that the ordinance may not require people who are walking in the downtown to wear a mask. I don't agree with this. It's people who are walking in the downtown without face masks who this ordinance should be aiming at. I just drove through town, and maybe 1/2 the people who were walking downtown were wearing masks. I understand that we don't want to discourage people who are exercising, but by exempting walkers, you are opening up the downtown to tourists (and some residents) to not wear face masks because they just don't want to.

Please pass a face mask ordinance, however, do not exempt people who are walking downtown.

Thank you.
Wendy Kessler

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From: [Ann Bliss via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop up non-profit
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:06:56 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ann Bliss (abliss426@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 10:06:54

address: 48 Thornton St

comments: I was surprised and dismayed to recently learn that Esther Kennedy has had the audacity to apply for the pop up non-profit name to ostensibly “teach people a lesson.” I’d like to hear from Esther first whether this is true, and if so what would possess her to do something which negatively impacts our economy and local businesses, which are struggling to stay open and thrive during this very serious pandemic and horribly divisive political climate. I’d also like to hear from the council members your thoughts about this dastardly action...All of us in this community are affected by this petty, mean action. if there were questions of the non-profit groups’ procedure, there are responsible, adult, and respectful ways of handling it...this underhanded action is abhorrent and I think Esther needs to step down and resign or the City Council needs to take decided and clear action so we can move forward and be the kind of city that supports it’s local busine!

esses and its citizenry. Thank you first for your willingness to sit on our council and work for us and for addressing this important and time sensitive issue. Sincerely, Ann C. Bliss

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REMOTE_ADDR: 72.65.103.194

From: [michelle.sooknanan via FormMail.com](mailto:michelle.sooknanan@formmail.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop Up Portsmouth
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 2:32:32 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by michelle.sooknanan (michelle.sooknanan@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 13:32:30

address: 777 Middle Rd, Portsmouth NH 03801

comments: To Mayor Becksted and all City council members,

I am writing to express my disappointment and concerns over the actions of Councilor Kennedy regarding Pop Up Portsmouth.

Councilor Kennedy has accessibility to the task force and board members of Pop Up Portsmouth but instead choose an unethical and conniving action to register their name as her own. This hinders the hard work the community has done to get this project going. Not only that, but she has now hindered participating businesses from generating income via this project, at a time when they need it most.

Her reasons for doing this are unacceptable and her actions reflect on all of you as being self serving, not trustworthy and incapable of leading City efforts.

I request Councilor Kennedy's resignation and public apology to those involved in the project.

If she does not do this then I request Mayor Becksted and the rest of the city council to terminate her position.

I am disappointed and embarrassed to have someone of her manner representing the City of Portsmouth and you should be too.

Thank you for your action on this matter.
Regards,
Michelle

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From: [Dixie Tarbell via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop Up Portsmouth name meddling
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:57:06 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Dixie Tarbell (dixiemcleantarbell@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 21:57:04

address: 25 Driftwood Lane

comments: When reading the news about the City Councilor's manipulative meddling with the Pop Up Portsmouth domain name, I was reminded of the behavior of an antagonist in a movie. I was appalled. I don't think it's becoming of a City Councilor. It's unethical, destructive, and possibly a violation of some legal standards or rules of conduct. I think the Councilor who did the mentally unhealthy act needs to apologize, atone, and resign. Thank you for listening!

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From: [Wayne Barrows via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop Up Portsmouth Website
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 9:21:11 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Wayne Barrows (wcbarrrows@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 08:21:10

address: 55 Lafayette Road Portsmouth

comments: I'm completely open-minded and I'm not making any preconceived judgment, but I'd like to hear what was the motivation for Councilor Kennedy to purchase the web address of Pop Up Portsmouth without their knowledge?

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From: [Jo Coles via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop Up Portsmouth
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:27:19 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jo Coles (jojocole04@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 07:27:17

address: 369 Dennett Street Portsmouth

comments: A member of your City Council, Esther Kennedy, betrayed the trust of the Portsmouth community when she stole the name POP UP PORTSMOUTH from under a Portsmouth business community who was in the process of becoming a non profit. She was very aware, as you know, of the efforts this group has made to help struggling businesses at this fragile and unprecedented time in our economy and nation's history. To take action such as this, shows that she is not fit to serve in the trusted position of City Councilor. Unless she can rectify this lapse of judgement, make a public apology and transfer the name to the working group for the Pop Up event who was in the process of incorporating as a non profit, I am requesting the Council end her tenure during this term as a public servant in the role of City Council. There is nothing I have read that justifies her actions enough to do what she did. In fact, the Council was aware of the groups intentions and actions towards the goal !

of incorporating and were seemingly supportive. Her actions betray community trust in not only her, but in the Council she represents if this matter is not addressed sufficiently by the Council. At such a time when our community needs to be working together to get through this time, when local businesses are closing doors and others are looking for viable ways to stay afloat, the actions your Counselor made are not the actions of someone who is supportive of the well being of the community she represents. Public trust has been broken and this decision is in your hands. So disheartening and disappointing.

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From: [Monica Dorley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop Up Portsmouth
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 3:41:09 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Monica Dorley (monicadorley@icloud.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 14:41:07

address: 5 Adams Ave

comments: I have read the article in Seacoast Online, and to be quite honest, it it not an acceptable excuse. Who is OK with this? This kind of action should definitely be investigated and Esther should be held accountable. I don't know about you, but when I think of the city council, I want them to be better than this. I am very disappointed in our elected officials. I hope the council makes a statement soon.

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From: [Kali Moulton via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop Up Portsmouth
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 2:43:21 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kali Moulton (kali@sagesofrpg.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 13:43:19

address: 130 Edmond Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801

comments: Good Afternoon,

I am writing in response to Counselor Kennedy's actions as explained in the article from Seacoast Online about PopUp Portsmouth.

As a business owner and resident of Portsmouth, I have been following the PopUp Portsmouth plans closely. Not only would it be a unique solution to help business owners in our current COVID pandemic situation, but it also promised the possibility of enabling individuals to experience some much needed socially distanced social interaction outside and away from screens, which I know we are all tired of by now. So many of us have been excited for PopUp and we've been looking forward to a change of pace. It was nice to see something positive happening.

I am more than disappointed by the actions of Counselor Kennedy. According to the Portsmouth Herald, her actions were to "prove a point" and negotiate what she feels the organization should do. There were appropriate channels available to her, and it seems that she did not use them, but rather decided to take matters into her own hands.

Now PopUp Portsmouth is facing further delays and many business owners and individuals have been harmed by the actions of an individual who holds a position of power. We're not just financially impacted but our morale has taken a hit. PopUp Portsmouth followed all the appropriate guidelines and procedures for establishing a nonprofit. Counselor Kennedy's actions either show a gross lack of understanding of this process or some form of ulterior motives that I cannot comprehend.

I feel that the people of Portsmouth deserve a better explanation than "I did it to prove a point" and the City Council needs to hold Counselor Kennedy accountable for her actions.

Thank you for your time,

Kali Moulton

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From: [Michelle Anderson via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop Up Portsmouth
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:41:22 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Michelle Anderson (ANDERSON.MICHL@GMAIL.COM) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 10:41:20

address: 236 Cate St

comments: Councilors: The revelation today that Councilor Esther Kennedy registered the name 'Pop Up Portsmouth' was a shock. Councilor Kennedy displayed an extreme lack of judgement and an ample amount of disrespect to the people who have been hard at work on this project. If she had sincere concerns, those concerns should have been discussed openly with the Task Force and the Board. This move completely disregarded even the most basic efforts of collaboration and, intentional or not, laid groundwork to sabotage the efforts (and donations) of many citizens and business owners.

At the very least, Councilor Kennedy owes the community a swift and sincere apology. If the Council and others who are close to this project have reason to believe Councilor Kennedy's actions were malicious in any way, then those people should call for her immediate resignation, regardless of any personal or business connection they may have with her. Partisanship and deceit have no place among our City's elected officials.

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From: [Ashley Rodier via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop Up Portsmouth
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 9:17:58 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ashley Rodier (ashleyrodier@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 08:17:57

address: 118 Holly Lane

comments: After learning of Councilor Kennedy's recent attempt to dismantle a local nonprofit that Portsmouth so desperately needs right now, I would implore the Council to ask her to resign. Her behavior should not be tolerated. Portsmouth deserves better.

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From: [Jay Mack via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop Up Portsmouth
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 7:12:29 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jay Mack (hopsnbaer@yahoo.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 18:12:27

address: 1039 islington street, Unit 8

comments: There seems to be an ethics violation for Esther Kennedy.

I do not see any other reason for Esther Kennedy to have registered the pop Up Portsmouth Domain names except to sabotage the event.

Please look into this.

I look forward to a satisfactory explanation, or Esther's Resignation.

Thank you
Jay Mack

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From: [Monica Dorley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop Up Portsmouth
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 7:12:25 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Monica Dorley (monicadorley@icloud.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 18:12:23

address: 5 Adams Ave

comments: I would love an explanation from Esther Kennedy about why she registered the URL for Pop Up Portsmouth? It seems petty and sneaky. I would love to know how the council feels about this. I know many citizens are calling for her to resign. Put my name on that list. We elect people we think will have the best interests of the citizens of Portsmouth in mind, but this is just another example of Ms. Kennedy doing anything but.

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From: [Mark Shilansky via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop Up Portsmouth
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 9:37:27 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mark Shilansky (mshilansky@berklee.edu) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 08:37:26

address: 132 Morrison Ave

comments: Esther Kennedy should be asked to resign from the Portsmouth city council. By registering the name "Pop Up Portsmouth" she impeded and delayed the opening of a facility that will help the Portsmouth business community, particularly its struggling restaurants and artists. I am not a Portsmouth resident but I and my friends play music (and consume food and beverage) there frequently, and this action which had the effect of delaying the project, negatively impacted the financial well-being of me and my colleagues.

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From: [Marla Baldassare via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: POP UP PORTSMOUTH
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:45:36 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Marla Baldassare (marla@weillgoodseacoast.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 13:45:35

address: 191 Sagamore Ave

comments: Hi,

I am a resident of Portsmouth and have a sustainable store that opened Feb 1st in Kittery right over the bridge. More than 1/2 my customers are from Portsmouth. I signed up to be at the POP UP on Sundays to help promote my business and low waste living. I also gave a donation early on to the fund.

I am very disappointed to hear that I will not be able to participate in the POP up now based on rules made by the city council.

I am asking for the city council to relook at this. I am a new business and was excited about this opportunity to reach more customers.

Marla Baldassare
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From: [Ryan Costa via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Pop Up
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 9:33:36 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ryan Costa (ryancosta89@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 08:33:34

address: 126 Hill Street

comments: I am totally disheartened by Councilor Kennedy's actions regarding the Pop
Up nonprofit's tremendous actions. Either Councilor Kennedy was unaware of what she was doing (incompetent) or
acting with poor intent (malice). In either case I feel, among other reasons, that she should resign from the city
council immediately.

Thank you

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From: [Karina N Quintans via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: PopUp Portsmouth
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:59:13 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Karina N Quintans (kquintans@comcast.net) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 09:59:12

address: 51 McDonough Street

comments: It has come to my attention that Councilor Kennedy registered the business name PopUp Portsmouth for an entity that is meant to be a nonprofit. An entity that was formed to help support local businesses in these tough times of the pandemic. I generally understand that this action is hampering the nonprofit's ability to move forward with time sensitive plans. I also understand that Councilor Kennedy has no role in this nonprofit whatsoever so this action is confusing at best, and is fueling anger across the community at worst.

I respectfully request an investigation into this matter. What were the reasons and motivation behind Councilor Kennedy's actions?

Thank you.

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From: [Peter Somssich via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Popup Portsmouth
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:09:33 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Peter Somssich (somssich@myfairpoint.net) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 19:09:30

address: 34 Swett Ave.

comments: Dear Councilors,

I would like to commend Councilor Kennedy for her alertness to the issues of money to Popup Portsmouth. I hope the council supports her because she raises a very important point, regarding giving out city money to organizations that are not properly established. Incidentally, a Non-Profit is not the same as a Not-for-Profit (I believe that Portsmouth Hospital is such an entity, even though it generates a limited amount of profit).

While the idea of the Popup Portsmouth is good, unless it has accountability and is in fact a registered non-profit, no taxpayer money should go to it. GoFundMe efforts., for example are totally based on trust and no accountability, so they could easily be used for fraud. Incidentally, just a clarification: how does an organization that has sprung to life to help for-profit businesses, like restaurants, shops qualify to be a non-profit ??

Best Regards, Peter Somssich

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From: [charlie griffin via FormMail.com](mailto:charlie.griffin@formmail.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: PopUpNH
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 1:13:46 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by charlie griffin (charlesgriffinesq@gmail.com) on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 12:13:44

address: 210 Hillside Drive,Portsmouth

comments: I have read Councilor Kennedy's Guest View column in today's Herald and first of all want to commend her for her courage in exposing the fact that PopUpPortsmouth was not a validly formed non-profit corporation although claiming to be such while soliciting contributions.

In today's column Councilor Kennedy states. that the PopUp non-profit issue is solved. I agree that it has been partially solved ,but is not completely solved.

There are two steps that need to be taken in order to completely form a non-profit corporation. The first, completing a two page form available on-line from the New Hampshire Secretary of State and paying a \$25 Filing fee, has been completed.

The completion of this first step means that PopUpNH is a valid non-profit corporation as far as the state of New Hampshire is concerned.

The second step relates to soliciting contributions. Many people donating funds to a non-profit corporation assume they can deduct those contributions as a charitable deduction on their income tax returns if they itemize their deductions simply because the receiving organization is organized as a non-profit.

However, in order for the contribution to be tax deductible, the receiving organization must be recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS. In order for this to happen , the organization must apply for the non-profit recognition and receive a letter from IRS stating that their application has been approved.It then must send a letter to each donor thanking them and stating that the organization is recognized 501(c)(3)organization. The receipt of this paperwork by the donor provides the needed proof that the contribution is tax deductible.

The Clipper Strong Fund followed this process and was approved. As a result ,after I made a donation I received a letter thanking me for my donation but also acknowledging that the Clipper Strong Foundation was recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization .

While the PopNH webpage allows one to make a donation, and there is a long list of individual donors, there is no indication whether PopUpNH is a 501(c)(3) organization. My concern is that individuals will assume that their donation is tax deductible because PopUPNH is recognized as a legal non-profit organization by the State of New Hampshire ,but may not be such as far as the IRS is concerned.

Before the City releases its \$50,000 to PopUpNH,I would urge the Council to first request that organization to indicate whether or not it is also a valid 501(c)(3) organization per the IRS and to so indicate on its website so that donors will know .

As always, I thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Richard Orkin via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Protective protective face covering ordinance proposal
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:29:40 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Richard Orkin (richard.orkin@gmail.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 10:29:38

address: 104 Union St

comments: I enthusiastically support the proposed protective face covering ordinance as written. I urge all city counselors to vote in favor of adopting it immediately. This should not be a political issue; rather, it is a grave matter of public health and safety. Immediate action is required. There should be no excuses.

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From: [ROBERT NEWBY via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: re: July 14 McIntyre Survey
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:23:41 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
ROBERT NEWBY (Bob_Newby@comcast.net) on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 09:23:39

address: 183 MILLER AVENUE

comments: Does 1 mean MOST important, or does it mean LEAST important?

Go figure?

Any survey of this sort should clearly state what the numbers mean, e.g. as follows:

"...in order of importance, where 1 means Most Important and 5 means Least Important"

or

"...in order of importance, where 1 means Least Important and 5 means Most Important"

Otherwise all responses are questionable.

QED

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From: [Jennifer Hendrix via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Remove Esther Kennedy!
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:40:55 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jennifer Hendrix (Jendhendrix@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 07:40:52

address: 11 pinecrest drive

comments: Esther Kennedy should not be representing our community in any way. Her recent actions make it clear that even in a time of need for those in her community, her focus is solely on herself and her personal feelings on what is 'right' without getting further information, consulting those around her, or just having an open dialogue about her concerns. This is an egregious overreach of power and so neglectful to those in our community who need this help most. Please take swift action to no longer have her as a representative of this community as she made it clear the community is not her first priority.

Thanks,
Jen Hendrix

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From: [Leif Becker via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Reprehensible actions of Councilwoman Esther Kennedy
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 7:02:29 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Leif Becker (DoveAttorney@gmail.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 18:02:27

address: 105 Ledgewood Drive Portsmouth NH

comments: Dear Council,

I am shocked and appalled to learn that Councilwoman Kennedy acted to directly subvert the actions of community members working to put together "Pop Up Portsmouth", by registering this name with the state secretary of states office. Community members have been working together on this project in order to support local businesses as they struggle through the Covid-19 pandemic, and had planned to use this business name to register their nonprofit. There can be no explanation for Ms. Kennedy's actions and they reflect poorly on this council as whole. As a Portsmouth citizen and voter I join the calls of many others in this community for Councilwoman Kennedy to resign immediately, as it is clear she is actively working in opposition of our community and local business. I hope that her fellow councilors join in this call for her resignation.

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From: [Kirsten Howard via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Resignation of Councilor Kennedy
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 11:22:37 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kirsten Howard (kirstenbhoward@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 10:22:35

address: 173 Stark Street

comments: Hello,

I am appalled at the obstructionist and disingenuous behavior of Councilor Esther Kennedy. Her efforts to undermine citizen and volunteer work to help our community deal with coronavirus are so far from the behavior I demand from my elected officials. A rationale leader would have engaged with the group to point out that they should register the non-profit name. Instead, she bought it for herself and created chaos, drama, and division. I demand her resignation. I hold my elected leaders to much higher standards than she has shown herself capable of adhering to. I am truly disgusted at this behavior which serves only to take valuable attention and resources away from the important work of dealing with the ongoing health crisis and its effects on our business community.

Iâ€™m so disappointed.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Howard

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From: [Jacqueline pham via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Resignation of Esther Kennedy
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 11:17:35 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jacqueline pham (jpham747@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 10:17:34

address: 2 Hayes Place Portsmouth NH 03801

comments: I am calling on Esther Kennedy to resign. Her actions have shown a clear anti-business agenda, during unprecedented times where Portsmouth needs to get creative and help small businesses survive. It is despicable that any one would take such action, let alone a city council member.

Please do the right thing and show that this type of behavior will not be tolerated. We demand better from our leaders.

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From: [Tim Gardner via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Resignations
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:25:50 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tim Gardner (timothyjohngardner7@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 09:25:49

address: 256 Wibird St

comments: I expect resignations from Esther Kennedy and Rick Becksted. The people of the city have spoken and you are going against their interests in favor of corporate entities. #Timesup

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From: [John Ragonese via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Resolution for Mandatory Mask/Face Coverings
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:39:27 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
John Ragonese (john.ragonese@gmail.com) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 17:39:25

address: 74 CABOT STREET

comments: I urge all Councilors to support this resolution requiring the wearing of facial coverings in the City of Portsmouth. As I have an office downtown in the Old Customs House, as I have a spouse who is the Librarian at Dondero and may likely have face contact with over 400 students in some fashion and have an student scholar- and elite athlete attending PHS and yearns for healthy school year it is imperative to do all we can to reduce the re-introduction of this disease in our community. As our community relies heavily on outside visitors for commerce and tourism, we must protect our citizens first and foremost. Please support this resolution.

John Ragonese
Lynda Schmidt
Jackson Ragonese

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From: [Jane Zill via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Sagamore Avenue Sewer Extension Project
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 5:02:02 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jane Zill (janezill@comcast.net) on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 16:02:00

address: 27 Shaw Road

comments: Dear City Councilor,

Thank you for the work session on the Sagamore Avenue Sewer Extension Project and for your hard work and dedication to the community.

Serving on the city council at this moment must feel a bit like battling a raging wildfire that's surrounding the town while you suddenly remember a burner has been left on in the house.

In this case, the pandemic is the wildfire and the Sagamore Avenue Sewer Extension Project is the burner glowing red in the kitchen.

What feels dangerously hot to me about the project is process. Specifically, in 2016, 80-100 Sagamore area residents were wrapped into a Federal Consent Decree without their knowledge and input, which included a plan to compel them to fund 100% of the cost of the sewer extension, even though it's mitigation - -a punishment-- meant for the city due to its failures to comply with the Clean Water Act over many decades and previous EPA Consent Decrees.

I'm not questioning the authority of a city manager to make some autonomous decisions related to public funds while conducting the business of the city, but I am questioning the legality and the ethics of a city employee, such as a city manager, wrapping private residents into a Federal Consent Decree with a plan to compel them to privately fund a public project, and not informing them of the matter for three years.

In this instance, the process could have resulted in financially staggering and potentially disastrous ramifications for most of the involved residents. In 2016 the estimated cost of the project was approximately \$40,000- \$60,000 per residence based on an estimate of 2.5 million dollars for the entire project. Fast forward, three years later, in December 2019 a city attorney estimated the cost to be closer to 8 million dollars, which means that each individual resident could have been on the hook for \$160,000 or more if the plan a city employee had embedded into the Consent Decree had gone unnoticed and uncontested. To me, this is red hot scary.

Despite many requests made to the previous City Council by me and others starting in 2017 for information about this project, and being reassured by the city manger that there would be plenty of public input, information was not forth coming. Residents were not informed until Sept. 4, 2019, when a city engineer made the first public presentation that included a finance scheme in which residents were expected to fund the entire project: <https://www.seacoastonline.com/news/20191003/portsmouth-residents-face-60k-bill-for-sewer-line>

At that September meeting, needless to say, there was resident shock, outrage, and anger. And for good reason, as it was the first public meeting for residents to learn of the plan, three years after the city manager signed the second modification of the consent decree, and only 8 months before construction on the project was to begin! <https://www.seacoastonline.com/news/20190908/sagamore-avenue-sewer-project-cost-burden>

Currently, when comparing what was reported by the DPW Director to the EPA in May 2020 to what is stated on the DPW website, there is a 24% disparity, and increase in the number of parcels involved in this project. As reported to the EPA the city is planning to extend "...public sewer service to approximately 83 existing parcels

adjacent to or near Sagamore Avenue ...”, yet on the DPW website it states, “the City has begun planning a sewer extension project to provide public sewer service to approximately 103 existing parcels adjacent to or near Sagamore avenue.”

This lack of precision and consistency in information provided to concerned parties is simply more of the same lack of detailed information and transparency that began in 2016 when unsuspecting residents were wrapped into the consent decree.

What is the explanation for the different numbers and a 24% increase in involved parcels in four years? It seems like a lot of development is planned for the area. Where will it be and who is involved?

Since September 2019 there have been several more animated meetings with city employees at which they apologized for their lack of communication and began offering alternative funding scenarios, but absent involvement of the city council. While the alternative funding scenarios are more reasonable and appreciated, the prior council was so uninformed they tabled discussion of the project for the current council. This is another example of a process that seems deeply flawed in a community governed by a city council.

In these meetings, city staff have mentioned examples of other Portsmouth neighborhoods that have funded a similar sewer extension project. But, these neighborhoods and subdivisions requested hook-in to city sewer, but they were not wrapped into a Federal Consent Decree without their knowledge.

And it needs to be pointed out that the Sagamore Avenue residents are not responsible for the pollution in the creek since the vast majority is from storm water run-off. Simply stated, residents are being compelled to use their private funds to construct and maintain a public sewer extension mandated under a Federal Consent Decree and to become customers of this city owned service, which will have minimal impact on improving water quality in the creek.

Homeowners will need to re-landscape, purchase a generator, pay for the purchase and ongoing maintenance of the required low-pressure pump as well as replace it every 15 years (minimally spending \$15,000 or stated another way \$1,000 a year on pump replacement alone). The project will require blasting, which raises concern about radon emission and mitigation. It will increase risk for sewer back up and it will compel Sagamore residents to become sewer rates payers, all in addition to any required cost sharing for the installation of the system.

Because current residents were wrapped into the Consent Decree without their knowledge and input, I feel it would set a dangerous precedent to compel them to fund any portion of the project, especially the required equipment, its installation and maintenance. Instead, because it's a mitigation project for the city's past wrongdoings, the city should develop a plan to fund the purchase and maintenance of the required pumps.

Additionally, those residents with modern septic tanks not wishing to hook-in now, if only to avoid becoming sewer ratepayers, should not be penalized with astronomical installation and hook-in charges at the time of sale, as this will impact retirement plans, as one gentleman poignantly explained in city council chambers last fall.

Given all this, I ask that you insist on more detail about all aspects of the project and its budget, including anticipated development along the Sagamore Creek.

Additionally, please create a policy pertaining to consent decree mitigation going forward, specifically one that protects private residents from funding mitigation requirements without their knowledge. This seems essential in order to safe guard the public from a similar flawed and destructive process in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Zill

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From: [Joe Mulqueen via FormMail.com](mailto:Joe.Mulqueen@msn.com)
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Subject: School and COVID-19
Date: Friday, July 17, 2020 6:52:10 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Joe Mulqueen (njmulqueen@msn.com) on Friday, July 17, 2020 at 17:52:08

address: 38 Fells Road

comments: The COVID situation is causing a difficult decision for parents, school personnel, and government bodies. Surveys indicate that New Englanders are 2 to 1 against regular public school attendance this Fall. The Federal and State guidelines have left the actual decision to the local authorities. No 'one size fits all' decision will make everyone happy. Please note that, if Portsmouth had a voucher system to fund PK-12 education, each family could decide for themselves their best option. While not generally promoted, New Hampshire families can choose from traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online academies, and homeschooling.

Let us consider some options and a strategy to resolve this issue.

Give parents the following choices:

1. Some version of in school attendance, likely with masks, social distancing, etc.
2. Some version of online learning, similar to this past May.
3. A voucher program for each PK-12 student for any of the NH school options listed above. This would be funded at \$8,000 for PK-5, \$10,000 for 6-8, and \$14,000 for 9-12. This does not include any sports or extracurricular activities.

Give the school teachers and employees the following choices:

1. In classroom teaching.
2. Virtual teaching.
3. Early retirement/6 months severance pay.

Based on the concerns for COVID transmission, both in school and bringing the virus home to vulnerable people, assume that about one-third of each group will choose each choice. Portsmouth has about 3,000 total PK-12 eligible students and 422 SAU50 students. It is likely that the 790 that don't attend the Portsmouth public schools will select the voucher option. If the 2632 public students divide into groups of thirds, that will be about 877 for in classroom, 877 for virtual, and a total of 1,668 for voucher.

Dividing the students into groups based on grade level, there would be about 1,540 for PK-5, 770 for 6-8, and 1,112 for 9-12. Using the voucher amounts given above, this would cost about \$36 million, which includes about \$6 million from SAU50 tuition.

For efficiency, use the High School building and grounds for all in classroom teaching and as a base for all virtual learning. This will need about 200 teachers and 40 additional staff. Keep the other school properties closed. Work to convert the high school property to a charter school without any debt attached. Then, based on demand next year, form a non-profit Portsmouth Public Charter School (PPCS), including, if necessary, one additional school property. Then sell one school property per year to pay off City debt.

Not counting the SAU50 students, there will be about 25% of the Portsmouth eligible students as in classroom PPCS students. At that point, move to an all voucher system and give every family the option to decide what is best for their children.

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From: [Joan Griffin via FormMail.com](#)
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Subject: Sewer Project
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 1:03:33 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Joan Griffin (joan.griffin@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 12:03:31

address: 75 Walker Bungalow Road

comments: Please clarify regarding cost. Does the buy-in for the low pressure system have a deadline or can I hook-up at a later date at the same cost as what is being discussed at the time of initial construction?

Has a proper sewer system similar to what exists at Tide Watch been fully investigated?

Has the Busse system been fully investigated?

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From: [Lindsey G Carmichael via FormMail.com](#)
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Subject: Support for Mask Mandate & Fines For Noncompliance
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 12:00:17 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Lindsey G Carmichael (LindseyCarmichael@comcast.net) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 11:00:16

address: 85 Pinehurst Road

comments: I am writing to voice support for a mask mandate in Portsmouth, and to advocate for fines to be issued for noncompliance. At this point, more than six months into the pandemic, we have noteworthy data illustrating the effectiveness of mask mandates in curbing the spread of the Coronavirus.

Hong Kong, a city with 7.5 million residents has recorded 14 Coronavirus deaths. This is in stark contrast to New York City, with a population of 8.4 million and 28,000 deaths. Almost without exception the entire population of Hong Kong wears a mask when in public and there is a steep penalty of \$645 for noncompliance.

Countries with a mask mandate with notably small numbers of deaths:

- Japan, which has an older population of 135 million people, has under 1000 deaths
- South Korea has 51 million people and under 300 deaths
- The Czech Republic, which is home to 10 million people has had 359 deaths

The data shows that mask mandates work. I am in support of a portion of my tax dollars being allocated towards costs associated with enforcement of a mask mandate, and feel strongly that the mandate needs to be accompanied by a stiff fine for noncompliance. Without a penalty I fear that compliance will be diminished.

Thank you all for your service during this challenging time.

Lindsey Carmichael

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From: [Chris Dwyer via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: survey
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 3:14:29 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Chris Dwyer (cdwyer@rmcres.com) on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 14:14:26

address: 600 broad street

comments: The survey is so poorly constructed that it is impossible to provide responses (those of us who teach survey development will have another example for students to learn from). As you must know, citizens are completely puzzled by how to answer questions and many who are trying to do so have just had to write thoughts since the items are often unanswerable with the information given. So this means that survey interpretation will be almost impossible, undermining the credibility of anything that comes out as a result. At best, I think the surveys should be given to an independent group to summarize. While not ideal, I think in a case like this when such a problematic survey has been fielded, an additional step is to make all individual responses available (since it is anonymous) for inspection. What are your plans to make sense of what comes in?

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Subject: Thank you
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 9:53:09 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Andrew Bagley (acbagley@yahoo.com) on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 08:53:07

address: 40 Chauncey Street

comments: I understand the mask question is a difficult and challenging one. I want to send my thanks that you are addressing this in a thoughtful and productive manner. I am looking forward to the first reading.

Best regards,
Andrew Bagley

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From: [Walter Hoerman via FormMail.com](#)
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Subject: The new park on MillPond Way
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 6:52:44 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Walter Hoerman (Whoerman@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 17:52:42

address: 56 Dennett Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801

comments: I am writing for you to consider naming the small park on Mill Pond Way in honor of Paul McEachern. Paul has obviously done a lot for Portsmouth, and was actually instrumental in getting this piece of property donated to the city. This park can be a gathering place for generations to come.

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From: [Mary Ellen Hoerman via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: The park on Mill Pond Way
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 6:54:19 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mary Ellen Hoerman (Hoermanme@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 17:54:17

address: 56 Dennett St

comments: Greetings, in this time of COVID and strife, I would like to respectfully ask that Mill Pond Way Park is renamed to Paul McEachern Park. I ask because , if it wasnâ€™t for the forethought and tenacity of Paul McEachern, our neighborhood , nor the City of Portsmouth would have this wonderful plot of land . We , in the North End, have used this for our North Mill Pond Regatta and most recently for socially distanced gatherings. It is a beautiful spot in our city. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

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From: [Jason Robichaud via FormMail.com](#)
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Subject: The resignation of Esther Kennedy
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 4:19:03 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jason Robichaud (jayro80@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 15:19:01

address: 77 Holly Lane

comments: MY name is Jason Robichaud, Father of a 1st grader, Husband to a Portsmouth Middle School Teacher, and I have the privilege of working in this town I also live in.

Since elected, I have seen Counselor Kennedy try to slow the recovery of Portsmouth's businesses. From School's reopening to assisting outdoor dining and now registering the name, Pop Up Portsmouth", out from under a group of individuals who are working so hard, at no cost, to help this town recover and for some businesses survive. Regardless of her opinions on the matter there is no excuse for this. It is malicious, vindictive, and just plain wrong. I ask for a public apology and her resignation. Our city needs leaders who are trustworthy, courageous, and kind, that look to help our city grow together, not be divided. Portsmouth should be leaders in this state and I am tired of seeing us come in second to other towns and cities.

I am sorry I am having to write this.
Sincerely,

Jason Robichaud

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Subject: tour busses in Portsmouth
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:16:05 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Barrie Booth (barriespringbooth@comcast.net) on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 10:16:03

address: 18 Ingham Rd, Merrimack, NH

comments: As you probably know many out-of-state tour busses from South Carolina, among other places, entered Portsmouth last Friday to attend the Trump rally. The people on the busses were not socially distancing, nor were they wearing masks. I think it is safe to assume they had no intention of self-quarantining for 2 weeks.

I think you will see a rise in COVID cases shortly.

Is it possible to prevent such busses from entering the state at the border or the toll booths?

We have worked too hard to keep the infection rate low to allow people from out of state to destroy our efforts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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From: [James Hewitt via FormMail.com](#)
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Subject: West End Yard Post Mortem Addendum
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 4:43:25 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
James Hewitt (samjakemax@aol.com) on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 15:43:23

address: 726 Middle Road

comments: Dear City Hall E-Mail Screener:

Kindly place this entire e-mail string in the City Council packet for the August 3, 2020 meeting.

Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

Portsmouth is not the only Seacoast community that is struggling with the lack of affordable housing. Dover recently began renting apartments at a 39 unit workforce housing project on Park St. (Bradley Commons). On July 18, 2020, there was an open house (see advertisement below) and the rents are \$1,270.00 /mo. If that number sounds familiar, it is because that is the rent for 60% of AMFI for a 3 person household (\$50,940.00). Unlike Portsmouth, Dover doesn't allow the developer to set the rents, Dover follows workforce housing state law.

If you have any doubts as to whether developers in Portsmouth have City Hall in their hip pocket, I encourage you to review the steps of how 54 work force units at \$1,270.00 /mo. at West End Yards turned into 27 units of barely below market rate housing at \$1,700.00/ mo.

Regards,

Jim Hewitt

P.S. If you think New Hampshire can solve the affordability issue by swamping the market with additional supply, note the article states it would take 20,000 housing units to even make a dent in the vacancy rate.

Second phase of Bradley Commons underway in Dover
July 27, 2019

DOVER — Another 10 workforce apartments are under construction at Bradley Commons north of downtown Dover. It's the second phase of the project at the site of the former St. Charles Borromeo Church that was demolished in early 2017. The Diocese of Manchester sold the church in 2016. The nonprofit Housing Partnership is the developer of both projects. The first phase is a 61,000 square-foot building with 39 workforce apartments above ground floor commercial space. The nonprofit's executive director Marty Chapman said all but 1,000 square feet of commercial space is leased. All the apartments were leased within 90 days after opening, he said. The two-story second phase project that broke ground last month is located along Park Street at the rear of the property. Unlike the first phase, it has no commercial space on the ground floor. The anticipated completion of the second phase is in early next spring. The project will add 18 more parking spaces to the site. The Planning Board approved the project in 2014, but it recently came back before the Technical Review Committee for some minor changes, said Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker, who heads the Planning Department. The overall size and massing of the building remained the same, but there were design changes to make the building fit in more with the other New Englander-style homes on Park Street, he said. There was considerable community pushback with the construction of the first phase of the project over the color and materials used and it not being consistent with the surrounding buildings. Parker said the changes for the second

phase came in response to some of the criticism of the first phase. "They wanted to make sure the back building fit a bit more with the neighborhood," Parker said.

The workforce housing apartments are income-based. Chapman said the units would be rented to households with annual incomes at or below 60 percent of the area median income by household size as determined annually by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. For a three-person household in the HUD statistical area that includes Dover the income limit as of June 2019 is \$50,940, Chapman said.

Chapman said the quickness in leasing the apartments in the first phase was due to the robust demand for affordable rental apartments in Dover and the Seacoast area in general.

It's likely the second phase apartments would be filled quickly as other apartments in Dover. The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) reported in its annual Residential Cost Survey Report released this month that there is less than a 1 percent vacancy rate for two-bedroom apartments in the state. The national vacancy rate is 7 percent, and its 5 percent in the northeast. "The overall availability of units is extremely low," the report stated.

Citing a recent study, the NHHFA said the state would need another 20,000 residential units to come into what they see as a healthy vacancy rate of 4 to 5 percent.

The NHHFA has assisted with the financing of the workforce housing units in both phases.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS & OPEN HOUSE! BRAND NEW 2-Bedroom Apartments available at 18 Park Street, Dover, NH. Monthly rent is \$1,270.00 with heat and hot water included! Please join us for an OPEN HOUSE on 7/18/20 from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Call (603) 834-9259 for more information.

Households must meet income eligibility requirements. Equal Housing Opportunity.

<https://www.fosters.com/news/20190727/second-phase-of-bradley-commons-underway-in-dover>

<https://marketplaceadsonline.com/marketplace/nhpor/category/Real%20Estate/Residential%20For%20Rent>

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Sent: Thu, Jul 16, 2020 9:50 pm

Subject: West End Yards - Workforce Housing Post Mortem Notes

Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

A few final thoughts from last night:

1) For the record, unlike what City Hall told you last night, for 2019, 80% Area Medium Family Income (AMFI) for a 3 person household is \$67,950.00. You were told \$ 60,400.00. See attached.

2) As for rents, 80% AMFI in 2019 is \$ 67,950 divided by 12 month per year times 30% (percent income used for rents) = \$ 1,698.75. You were wrongly told \$ 1,348.00

3) For 60% AMFI in 2019, the rent is \$50,940 divided by 12 months per year times 30% (percent income used for rents) = \$ 1,273.50. You were wrongly told \$ 1,116.00

For 2020, the 80% AMFI increased to \$70,650.00 for a 3 person household and the rent will be \$1,766.25. Please understand that by 2021, these limits will increase again so the "affordable " rent at West End Yards for their 27 units will be in the \$1,800.00/mo. range. Also note, importantly, that there will be no workforce housing units at West End Yards as defined by State Law and City ordinance. Its proper name is below market rate (barely) housing. Only housing offered at 60% AMFI can be called "Workforce". To call \$ 1,800/mo "affordable" is an insult to the thousands of Portsmouth workers seeking to live here.

Please feel free to contact me if you desire accurate information on HUD affordable housing incomes limits and rents or refer to the Portsmouth Workforce Housing Primer. (see page 19 of primer)

Regards,

Jim Hewitt

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Sent: Wed, May 6, 2020 8:45 pm

Subject: Portsmouth Workforce Housing Primer

Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

Thank you for taking the West End Yards Easements off the consent agenda last Monday night. The discussion you had was long overdue and enlightening. While the vote didn't go as I had hoped, I am reminded Atticus Finch didn't get the vote he wanted in To Kill a Mockingbird.

City Hall does next to nothing to make Portsmouth's Workforce Housing program easy to understand. I therefore have prepared the attached and hope to have saved the City \$100,000 in consultant fees of the \$7 million the City plans to spend on consultants next year.

This 20 page document hopefully should be all you need. The first 6 pages are from the index of the Zoning Ordinance. I included these pages to demonstrate how buried the workforce housing information is within the 343 page Zoning Ordinance. Any community that is serious about this issue would have a separate chapter and be as complete and concise as the information I have prepared.

The main take away is that the term "Workforce Housing" has a precise definition as established by the New Hampshire General Court (the Legislature) . I hope you will honor the Legislature's intent and only describe housing that meets this definition as true "Workforce Housing". Its comical this ordinance allows "Modification of Standards" in section 10.5B74.30. Reminds me of when Portsmouth hired Colliers International to protect Portsmouth's interests in the Redgate Kane McIntyre ground lease. How did that work out for everybody ?

City Hall and City Land Use boards have pampered and greased the skids for their developer friends long enough. This City needs Councilors that will fight for working people and for the creation of real workforce housing, now more than ever.

Regards,

Jim Hewitt

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Sent: Fri, May 1, 2020 9:11 pm

Subject: Is not too late : West End Yards: 54 units @ \$ 1,275/ mo.

Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

I understand Cate Street Development LLC needs City Council approval for some easements on City property in order to build West End Yards. My advice to you is to tell them "No Dice" until they agree to come back to the negotiation table and correct the Planning Board's Affordable housing give away blunder of March 21, 2019,(the darkest day in Portsmouth Housing history, save the bulldozing of the North End in the late 1960's) and then re-blundered on April 9, 2020.

As you recall, on March 21, 2019 the Planning Board had an opportunity to give this City 54 units of desperately needed workforce housing at about \$1,275 / month. Instead, the Planning Board punted on 1st down and gave the developer exactly what the developer requested, 27 units at \$1,700.00/mo. By 2021 when these units are ready, , HUD income level increase to allow the "affordable" rents to be about \$ 1,800.00/ mo. As stated on page 2 of the Simchik letter (attached) , the average 2BR apartment rent in Portsmouth is \$2,000.00 / month. So as implemented by the City of Portsmouth, its much vaunted density bonus work force housing ordinance gives this city's renters a 10% break on market rate rents.

For shame.

Regards,
Jim Hewitt

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Sent: Thu, Apr 9, 2020 8:41 pm
Subject: Re: West End Yards: 27 Units @ \$1,700/ mo. v. 54 units @ \$ 1,275/ mo.
Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

For the second time, the Planning Board voted tonight to enrich developers at the expense of Portsmouth residents seeking affordable housing. I hope it is as clear to you as it is to me that the Planning Board , with this precedent, will have to give all future projects the same deal it gave West End Yards for a density bonus, i.e., 10% units to be workforce units at 80% AMFI for a 3 person household. Maybe its me, but I don't know too many people that would consider \$1,700 /mo affordable for a 800 SF apartment. Portsmouth needs a more straight forward approach to create affordable housing so that future housing travesties can be avoided. I suggest the City Council review that attached and evaluate implementing a similar plan in Portsmouth.

Regards,

Jim Hewitt

https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/sites/newburyportma/files/uploads/odnc011_06_26_17_zoning-amendment-inclusionary-housing-w-dhcd-edits-final-as-adopted.pdf

-----Original Message-----

From: JAH <samjakemax@aol.com>
To: deaglan@votemceachern.com <deaglan@votemceachern.com>; asstmayorjimspaine@gmail.com <asstmayorjimspaine@gmail.com>; jtraceantiques@me.com <jtraceantiques@me.com>; mayorbecksted@gmail.com <mayorbecksted@gmail.com>; esthersmarina@gmail.com <esthersmarina@gmail.com>; Shavanopah@yahoo.com <Shavanopah@yahoo.com>; Pawhelan@comcast.net <Pawhelan@comcast.net>; jktabor@gmail.com <jktabor@gmail.com>; lazenbyforportsmouth@gmail.com <lazenbyforportsmouth@gmail.com>
Sent: Sun, Apr 5, 2020 7:35 am
Subject: West End Yards: 27 Units @ \$1,700/ mo. v. 54 units @ \$ 1,275/ mo.

Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

Below is a copy of an email I sent to the Planning Board regarding the subject site. City Hall and City Land Use Boards have pampered their developer friends long enough. It's time this City put the people of Portsmouth's interests first for a change

Further information on this matter can be found in an LTE here.

<https://www.seacoastonline.com/news/20191013/developers-continue-to-run-roughshod-over-city-boards>

Regards,

Jim Hewitt

Dear Chairman Legg and Planning Board Members:

(Please forward this to all members of the Planning Board)

At the April 9 planning board meeting, Cate Street Development , LLC will be seeking an extension to the Conditional Use Permit granted on March 21, 2019 (Planning Board meeting minutes attached) that allowed a density of 22 units per acre (later modified to 28 units per acre on 9/26/2019) . (see item E of section VI "Other Business", in the April 9, 2020 agenda.)

Cate Street LLC will also be seeking an extension to "requested modification to standards". This is City Hall-speak meaning the developer will be requesting your approval (again) to shirk its workforce housing obligations as mandated by Portsmouth Zoning Ordinances. To increase its profit margin, Cate Street LLC wishes to reduce the number of required affordable units from 54 to 27 and by increasing the rents of the 27 units from \$1,275 per month to \$1,700 per month. (see attached HUD Median Family Income Charts, 3 person household, 60% and 80% of AMFI, assuming the HUD standard of 30% of income is used for rent. Also see page 15-41 of Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance for Definition of Rental Workforce Housing)

Good fortune has miraculously given Portsmouth a second chance to have 54 desperately needed workforce apartments at \$1,275 per month. Kindly don't squander it.

Regards,

Jim Hewitt

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From: [Suzana Mihajlica via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Why did Esther Kennedy purchase the name/domain for Pop up Portsmouth?
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:13:45 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Suzana Mihajlica (mih.suzana@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 10:13:43

address: 70 MORNING STREET

comments: Dear Councilors, and specifically Councilor Kennedy,

Can you please provide an explanation for why you purchased the Pop up Portsmouth business name and domain? I've been seeing some harsh accusations like cyber-squatting, wanting to sell it back for personal gain, to "teach" the volunteers a lesson (not sure in what exactly?), etc, and I wanted to provide you an opportunity to share your reasons so I'm not left making my own conclusions based on what I've read so far.

But, I will say, that if you cannot provide a valid reason such as "I purchased it so I could donate it to the working group to help our community during this turbulent and scary time to help cut through some red tape on their behalf" then please know that I will not only lose a lot of respect for you, but will be advising my friends, family, and colleagues to not support your re-election, to not support your business, and to call for your immediate resignation from the city council.

I'm shocked that you as a business owner and city councilor would do something like this to harm other business trying to survive, so please respond as quickly as possible to reassure me that you are in fact doing this out of good-will for our great community.

Best,
Suzana Mihajlica

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From: [Kaitlin Deyo via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: #ResignEsther
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 6:22:03 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kaitlin Deyo (kaitlindeyo@gmail.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 17:22:01

address: Timber Swamp Road

comments: Councilor Kennedy in no way deserves her title and ability to speak for the citizens of Portsmouth any longer. She is actively sabotaging City and community efforts for the Pop-Up Portsmouth non-profit by registering their name out from under them, which she learned 2 days prior to stealing it in a council meeting. Similarly, she did the same for the Portsmouth 400 name a while back. It is ethically unfathomable that someone could be so evil and despicable to pull something like this anytime, let alone in a pandemic where we are watching businesses in Portsmouth close weekly. Esther- I am calling on you to RESIGN as your behavior is not indicative of the spirit of Portsmouth and shows a clear anti-business agenda. This stunt shows nothing but your own bitterness and self-serving attitude which clearly does NOT have the best interests of Portsmouth at heart. #ResignEsther

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From: [Chris Dwyer via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Appreciation
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 4:49:42 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Chris Dwyer (cdwyer@rmcres.com) on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 15:49:40

address: 600 broad street

comments: Rick--thanks to you and your father for sharing your talents to craft a new stage and making it clear that you are trying to support the economic vitality of our community. As I'm sure you can imagine, there is a lot of confusion in our City about the mixed messages sent by different Councilors about their support of all segments of Portsmouth--especially the business community and the downtown--which has been notably discouraging to those of us who have tried over the decades to support a thriving community. So it's commendable that you tried to show your support in such a clear and concrete way.

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From: [Kerri via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Closing city streets
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 3:08:31 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kerri (kerri.hassan@gmail.com) on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 14:08:29

address: 60 Nathaniel Dr Portsmouth

comments: I am writing today to ask you to close the downtown streets to allow for more outdoor dining. Today we ventured down town for the first time in almost 5 months in hopes to sit outside and enjoy a bite with our 2 young daughters while social distancing and there were zero tables in the shade outside and we walked the entire downtown and then had to leave. Very disappointing. The streets should be closed to allow much more outdoor dining so those who wish to dine outside only can safely do so.

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From: [Marcus Santy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Concerns about Counselor Kennedy
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 1:44:04 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Marcus Santy (marcus.santy99@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 12:44:01

address: 46 Elwyn Road

comments: Good Afternoon-

I am writing to express my concerns over the actions of Counselor Kennedy regarding Pop Up Portsmouth. As someone that has had access to information that the general public may not have had, I feel that Counselor Kennedy not only acted in bad faith, but has broken the trust of the citizens of Portsmouth. If I am to believe what I have read in the Portsmouth Herald, Counselor Kennedy bought the rights to Pop Up Portsmouth to "prove a point" and to be able to negotiate what she feels should happen with the organization. This, in my opinion, is the equivalent to holding the group hostage. I understand that the group did not find out about the actions of Counselor Kennedy until they were at the bank to establish accounts and move forward with their project. With all of the hardships that businesses have been dealing with on a daily basis due to the COVID-19 pandemic; this is an issue that could have easily been avoided. The Pop Up Portsmouth group is now set back in their schedu!

le to open because Counselor Kennedy chose to prove a point. I would like a more public explanation of her thinking in this matter and I would also like to see her step down from the council. This type of behavior is unacceptable for a public official and business owner in any location at any time; but it is especially concerning and problematic in our current situation.

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From: [Tyler lefebvre via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Corrupt city council.
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 9:32:41 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tyler lefebvre (603collective@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 08:32:39

address: 761 south street Portsmouth NH

comments: Esther Kennedy needs to resign. An elected official is a voice of the people and it's obvious by her repeated actions she is only a voice for herself . And you all need to work harder to be a better council. You seem to make life harder for every small business trying to make it in the city. Youre also completely ruining the city with over development. I'd say keep Portsmouth loud. But at this point with the amount you have turned us into a Boston suburb, I say we have to make Portsmouth loud again

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From: [Gerald Duffy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Council Kennedy's Action
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 8:33:46 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Gerald Duffy (Gduffy44@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 19:33:44

address: 428 Pleasant St. Unit 3

comments: Dear Mayor and Councilors,
You've doubtless heard from many people about how Councilor Kennedy's strange interference with the pop-up initiative has appalled people. If any of you have not watched the pop-up volunteers' committee where they dispassionately try to deal with the fallout of her action, I highly recommend it so you are fully informed.

<https://youtu.be/pMqnGVH2cmE>

Part of how this Council defines itself will depend on how you deal as a body with this kind of behavior by an elected official.

Regards,
Gerald Duffy

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From: [Savita Okhuysen via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Councilor Kennedy
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 8:32:31 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Savita Okhuysen (sokhuysen17@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 19:32:29

address: 113 rockingham ave.

comments: I would like my name added to the list of residents who would like to ask councilor Kennedy to resign from her position as city councilor. I feel her actions go directly against the interest of residents and businesses; many of which will be struggling for some time. Many volunteers and local businesses came together to help each other during this pandemic while councilor Kennedy's criminal behavior highlights her own desires rather than the constituents which she is supposed to be working for.

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From: [Anne Hodges via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Councilor Kennedy Resignation
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 6:56:12 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Anne Hodges (Segdoh.enna@hotmail.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 17:56:10

address: 339 Hanover St, Portsmouth, NH

comments: I am writing to ask for the resignation of council member Esther Kennedy. Her petty and underhanded actions to undermine the efforts (of volunteers!) to help downtown businesses in this difficult time are truly appalling. This is an outrageous and unethical move and should not be able to stand. I look forward to hearing how youâ€™ll address this.

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From: [Alexis Lang via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Councilor Kennedy should resign
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:31:11 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Alexis Lang (alexis.lang@comcast.net) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 09:31:10

address: 400 FW Hartford Dr

comments: Dear Councilors,

I am writing to demand Councilor Kennedy be held accountable for her unconscionable actions with regard to Pop Up Portsmouth. Councilor Kennedy knowingly and willfully acted to subvert the incredibly hard work that these VOLUNTEERS have put in to try to save Portsmouth businesses when she registered the name Pop Up Portsmouth with the Secretary of State's office, and listed herself as the agent. The individuals organizing Pop Up Portsmouth have been entirely transparent every step of the way regarding what they were doing, and why. They stepped up to try to save businesses that have been shuttered or operating a reduced capacity because of the COVID-19 pandemic when many on Council were content to take a wait and see approach. Portsmouth is the thriving community it is because of our restaurants and other small businesses that draw visitors to the downtown area. It disgusts me that anyone, let alone a sitting City Councilor, would act to prevent those businesses from having !

an opportunity to try to salvage something of the summer season, and maybe avoid having to close permanently.

It beggars belief that Councilor Kennedy registered this name without knowing that by doing so she would be hampering Pop Up Portsmouth's efforts. I find it hard to believe that her actions wouldn't be considered an ethical violation by one in her position. Councilor Kennedy should resign or be removed from City Council immediately.

-Alexis Lang

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From: [Robin Albert Lehman via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Councilor Kennedy
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 9:14:59 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Robin Albert Lehman (ralbert52@hotmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 08:14:57

address: 401 State St

comments: It is time to remove Councilor Kennedy from the City Council for registering the Pop Up Portsmouth name in her own name with the State of NH. She clearly undermined the work of a citizen volunteer committee, working to support our community. Her explanation of her actions are neither sensible or believable. I also question her ethics regarding registering Portsmouth 400 in her name. I'm certain an investigation into these actions would find her unethical and in conflict with the best interests of the City.

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From: [Mark Baldassare via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Councilor Kennedy
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:16:42 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mark Baldassare (mbaldassare123@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 20:16:40

address: 191 Sagamore Avenue

comments: I am very disturbed to learn that Ms Kennedy took the domain name for Pop Up Portsmouth and Portsmouth 400. I think she should resign her position on the city council.

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From: [John R Stebbins via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Councilor Kennedy
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:28:27 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
John R Stebbins (john.stebbins@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 09:28:25

address: 390 Richards Ave

comments: Councilors,

By registering Pop Up Portsmouth's business name, Councilor Kennedy has shown that she is actively trying to harm the citizenry of Portsmouth. It's incredible that she would do this to a non-profit whose mission is to help our community. It makes no sense in any other context other than trying to hinder Pop Up's effort to help the City's small businesses. Further, she has shown no public remorse for this action and has yet to relinquish control of the registration. The excuses she has publicly put forward are incomprehensible. These actions are petty, childish, mean-spirited and frankly embarrassing to herself, to the Council and to the City.

Councilor Kennedy has lost all credibility as she cannot be trusted with sensitive information or to act in the City's best interests. She can no longer productively serve in her role as Councilor. She needs to resign from the Council immediately and publicly apologize for her actions. I ask that the balance of the Council condemn these actions and demand her resignation. There needs to be a very strong message sent that this type of behavior has no place in Portsmouth, let alone within the City Council.

Respectfully,

John Stebbins
390 Richards Ave

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From: [allen_nelson via FormMail.com](mailto:allen_nelson_via_FormMail.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Councilor Kennedy
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 11:50:40 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by allen_nelson (Ishoals95@aol.com) on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 22:50:38

address: 87 richards ave

comments: The recent accusations leveled against Councilor Kennedy implying ethics violations are a waste of valuable city time and resources. This city and community have worked very hard to support businesses during these trying times during a compressed time frame. It is this sort of an environment that can easily be prone to mistakes, waste, and sadly exploitation. I am thankful and not surprised that Councilor Kennedy has the ethic and experience to look after the best interests of Portsmouth and her citizens. That is simply what she did.

The accusations made against Councilor Kennedy are politically driven with a healthy dose of ego thrown in. This is Portsmouth. Generally, we resolve the inevitable issues and disagreements in a much different and constructive manner.

I question the motives of those choosing to make these accusations. There is ample reason to do so.

Thank you.

Allen Nelson

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From: [Michael Power via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Councilor Kennedy's action
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 2:29:00 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Michael Power (michaelbpower@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 13:28:58

address: 105 Saratoga Way

comments: I am very disappointed in Councilor Kennedy's recent actions regarding Pop Up Portsmouth.

This deliberate attempt to undermine such a community effort would not stand at any other level of government.

I am also disappointed at the response by any fellow council members for their silence and/or defense of such a mean-spirited action.

I covered the council as a reporter starting in 1972 and have followed council activity since, and have never seen anything like Councilor Kennedy's total disregard of ethics.

Any Councilor who attempts to cover for or defend Councilor Kennedy will be moving our wonderful city in the wrong direction.

Michael Power

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From: [Deidra Scarponi Boucher via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Councilwoman Kennedy Needs to Resign
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:46:02 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Deidra Scarponi Boucher (deidra.boucher@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 09:45:59

address: 65 WIBIRD ST

comments: Dear City Councilors,
Councilwoman Kennedy's actions to register the trade name "Pop Up Portsmouth" with the state are a clear indication of her deliberate attempt to undermine the efforts of many people trying to aid Portsmouth businesses. Councilwoman Kennedy's position is that the group didn't have the right to solicit donations because it wasn't yet registered as a proper non-profit. However, the group has been transparent since the beginning and was following legal protocol, which was to establish a fiscal sponsor until its non-profit status was achieved.

The group that created Pop Up Portsmouth aspires to relieve some of the economic hardship that Portsmouth businesses have suffered due to the pandemic. Councilwoman Kennedy's actions have set back this group's efforts, costing many Portsmouth businesses much-needed revenue.

It appears that other City Council members were not aware of her efforts. Therefore, these unilateral actions on her part also undermine the role of this Council as a governing body. Councilwoman Kennedy's promise of handing over the trade name with the understanding that SHE can have some control over the by-laws sounds like extortion and is a blatant overreach of her position.

Councilwoman Kennedy has demonstrated that she is not a team player on your Council, that she cannot be trusted, that she engages in unethical practices, and that she is not working in the best interests of the citizens she is supposed to represent. In order to restore some integrity to this Council, you must demand her immediate resignation.

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From: [Tammi Keech via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Councilwoman Kennedy
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:19:07 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tammi Keech (tammibrown.maine@gmail.com) on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 09:19:04

address: 1465 Woodbury Ave. Portsmouth, NH

comments: Good morning! This will be the third time that I have written to the council in full regarding Councilwoman Kennedy and her actions surrounding the Pop Up Portsmouth group.

I very much appreciate that Councilman McEachern got back to me with a response and I am still awaiting response from the rest of the council. As are so many members of our amazing community I am asking for Councilwoman Kennedy's resignation and would like to hear from ALL of the members including Councilwoman Kennedy on this matter. The people of the city deserve answers.

Tammi Keech

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From: [Tammi Keech via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Councilwoman Kennedy's Actions
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 7:39:24 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tammi Keech (tammisearle@gmail.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 18:39:22

address: 1465 Woodbury Ave. #203 Portsmouth, NH

comments: Dear Council Members,

There seems to be an incredible ethics violation in the actions of member Esther Kennedy.

There seems to be no reason for Esther Kennedy to have registered the Pop Up Portsmouth domain names except to sabotage the efforts made by the group trying to assist our city businesses.

I look forward to a satisfactory explanation, or Councilwoman Kennedy's resignation.

Thank you
Tammi Keech

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From: [David via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Disappointed
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:40:33 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
David (civiclover88@yahoo.com) on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 09:40:31

address: 45 Station Dr

comments: Good Morning,

As a frequent visitor to your fine city, I am extremely disappointed in Monday's debacle of a Council meeting. This great state and country were founded on individual freedoms not the collective. However, on Monday, this council decided to put forth a resolution in regards to mandating masks. I am appalled that any town or city in this state feels this is even necessary seeing our death and infection rate is steady or even dropping. Do you know what that means? What was in place before the resolution was working.

It pains myself to state this but if the city passes and ordinance requiring masks, I will take my hard earned dollars to another part of the state that has no such mandates. This will exasperate an already growing issue of budget deficits that almost every city and town in America are experiencing when businesses are forced to close.

I implore the council to reconsider this mandate. Thank you for your time.

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From: [Boyd Morrison via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Do NOT mandate masks
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:51:50 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Boyd Morrison (boyd@gambledesign.com) on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 10:51:48

address: 210 Broad Street

comments: Dear Councilors:

I strongly urge you to re-examine this ill-advised impulse to mandate wearing face masks in public. You may believe the crowd supports this doctrinaire rule. As a citizen, I emphatically oppose it and believe many other rational citizens of this city feel the same. Presumably, we live in a society of free choice. If you feel vulnerable or afraid, you're free to wear a mask. However, one who is not afraid should not be compelled to wear a mask. You may sincerely believe the propagandistic slogan on the city website and on display in Market Square is in the public interest rather than a self-righteous and authoritarian declaration. Please do not exacerbate a bad situation by sowing more discord & division.

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From: [Alyssa Duncan via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Eater Kennedy
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 9:08:58 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Alyssa Duncan (Alyssa@alyssadumcam.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 20:08:56

address: 37 Rogers St

comments: Please explain why Esther Kennedy has bought the name for Pop Up Portsmouth?!

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From: [James Eiffe via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ester
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 12:18:51 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
James Eiffe (j_eiffe@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 11:18:50

address: 40 Sunset Road

comments: Esther Kennedy needs to resign. Instead of helping this movement she's hindering it. She should be ashamed of herself and her actions are inappropriate for city counselor.

Thos covid response from the city council is shameful. It's piecemealed together and downtown looks horrible. Look at Newburyport if you need inspiration. Step up the game councilors.

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From: [John Murtha via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ester Kennedy
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 5:40:22 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
John Murtha (murthalandscapes@comcast.net) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 16:40:20

address: 545 ocean road

comments: Please do not let any of this attack on Ester Kennedy effect her position on the council she did the right thing it's perplexing that Josh Denton would need Legalzoom to incorporate a nonprofit he's a lawyer also we do not need to create an avenue for josh to collect a paycheck of any form from this tragic pandemic also we don't need to let out of town restaurants come pop up here in our city our own need all the customers they can get at the moment Ester Kennedy is honest she's served our city for many years and wether I agree with her or not she's not what people are saying about her the name calling is sickening it's not surprising coming from a man who leans on ptsd from a comment in just by an elderly women I mean why is he involved with this at all and why is he collecting money without a properly set up nonprofit that's the question I have he's a lawyer he's should be running this by the book I say remove him immediately and let Ester set u!

p whatever team that's needed to run this thing the things written about Ester are wrong mean spirited and should not be taken into any consideration at all it's school yard spoiled brat mentality she doesn't deserve that she's a member of this city she's proven her efforts are always above board

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From: [Mark Griffin via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ester Kennedy must resign
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:25:44 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mark Griffin (griffinm1@comcast.net) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 13:25:42

address: 728 State St #1

comments: Based on the latest underhanded stunt Kennedy pulled with pop up name registration grab she shows once again she is focused on her petty insecurities where she is not the center of attention, at the significant cost of the small businesses in town.

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From: [Lennie Mullaney via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Ester Kennedy
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:10:42 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Lennie Mullaney (lennie.mullaney@gmail.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 13:10:41

address: 579 sagamore Ave unit 52 Portsmouth NH

comments: To Mayor Becksted and all City council members,
I am shocked and appalled by the actions of Councilor Kennedy regarding Pop Up Portsmouth (and, previously Portsmouth400.)
Councilor Kennedy has choose an unethical and self-serving action to register their name as her own. This handicaps the hard work the volunteers , who have put in long hours, creativity, commitment and dedication to make the Bridge Street project a success. Ester Kennedy has now endangered businesses,that might otherwise go bankrupt, from generating income during the pandemic.
Her reasons for doing this are unfathomable and selfish. It leads my husband and I to mistrust the motives of the City Council as not trustworthy and incapable of leading City efforts.
I request Councilor Kennedyâ€™s resignation and public apology to the committee involved in the project.
I demand Mayor Becksted and the rest of the city council to terminate her position.
The citizens of Portsmouth should be ashamed and embarrassed to have her representing the City of Portsmouth.
If she is not forced to resign, we will not vote for any current member of the city council in the future. Portsmouth has been betrayed.
Sincerely, Lennie Mullaney and Don Brabant

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From: [Elizabeth Barrett via FormMail.com](mailto:Elizabeth.Barrett@me.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy - Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 4:01:01 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Elizabeth Barrett (ElizabethJBarrett@me.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 15:00:59

address: 1 Freedom Circle

comments: Dear Council Members, including Councilor Kennedy,

Thank you for your time.

I would like to bring your attention to "Rule 21: CONFLICTS ON INTEREST." This rule states: "No member shall vote or serve on any committee or any question as to which the member has a direct, personal and pecuniary interest."

Councilor Kennedy has entangled herself with both PopUp Portsmouth, now PopUpNH, and Portsmouth's 400th by creating LLCs and registering trade names to, without a doubt, have direct, personal, AND a pecuniary interest and gain with both programs/events.

Additionally, it is deeply troubling that there is now a pattern of behavior by Councilor Kennedy. She has taken steps on multiple occasions to personally benefit from events and programs in our city while subsequently serving on City Council, likely receiving information privy only to Council members. Additionally, to my knowledge, she has not, until discovered, disclosed her financial interests to the public.

I'm also saddened that, because of Councilor Kennedy's actions, Portsmouth will lose valuable publicity from the name change from Pop Up Portsmouth to Pop Up NH.

There is no excuse for Councilor Kennedy's actions. You do not use your position of power to "teach" citizens and organizers in our city "a lesson." That is both morally and legally unjust.

I ask that Councilor Kennedy recuse herself, as required by Rule 21, from any committee or question that pertains to PopUp and Portsmouth's 400th celebrations, and any other event/program she has entangled herself with for her personal benefit. And, I ask that she disclose any other financial entanglements ASAP to be in full compliance with our City's disclosure rules.

Additionally, Councilor Kennedy, I ask that you consider resigning. This is not how governments are suppose to work. I know that we are living in "Trump America." But, that is no excuse to take such corrupt measures to govern the citizens of Portsmouth and the organizers supporting local businesses. Using your position of power to teach others "a lesson" makes me think of why Progressive Era reforms were established.

Councilors, do we need to revisit Progressive Era reforms? Please understand the magnitude of Councilor Kennedy's actions and hold each other accountable.

Thank you for your time.

Elizabeth Barrett

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From: [Wendy Boutsianis via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy conflict of interest
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:12:29 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Wendy Boutsianis (wboutsianis@gmail.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 19:12:27

address: 114 Ledgewood Drive, Apt. 6

comments: As a legal resident and registered voter in the City of Portsmouth, I am outraged to learn that City Council member Esther Kennedy, in an effort to foil the hard work of local volunteers and countless donors, has registered the business name of "Pop Up Portsmouth" with the state of New Hampshire. This is a clear ethics violation as she was privy to all plans in relation to the Pop Up Portsmouth effort because of her Council seat. I no longer believe Council member Kennedy is acting in good faith. I am not affiliated with Pop Up Portsmouth, but have watched Council meetings with interest. Please officially address this matter as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Wendy Boutsianis
114 Ledgewood Drive
Portsmouth, NH

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From: [Eben Tormey via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy Must Resign Immediately
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:51:13 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Eben Tormey (eben.tormey@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 10:51:12

address: 108 Jones Ave

comments: What on earth is a City Councilor doing interfering with the hard work of dedicated volunteers working in conjunction with the Citizen Response Task Force appointed by the Mayor? Registering the Pop Up Portsmouth business name out from under this group working diligently to help locally owned small businesses survive the pandemic and economic impacts associated with it? This is despicable behavior, and why? To what end? To "teach them a lesson"? Are you kidding me??? If this is anything but personal vindictiveness and an attempt to sabotage the efforts of concerned citizens then please explain publicly at the next City Council meeting. Otherwise I expect to see the rest of the City Council condemn these actions and demand Councilor Kennedy's resignation effective immediately.

Thank you.

Eben Tormey
108 Jones Avenue

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From: [Linda Tyring via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy must resign
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:11:26 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Linda Tyring (Linda@tvcsystems.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 21:11:22

address: 284 Constitution Ave Portsmouth, NH

comments: I am not a resident of Portsmouth but am a property occupied business owner. I also maintain an apartment in Portsmouth., and grew up in the Seacoast area.
Please push for the resignation of Esther Kennedy.

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From: [Mark Vangel via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:14:47 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mark Vangel (Mvan52@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 12:14:45

address: 70 constitution ave 226

comments: Attention Council

Esther Kennedy's passive aggressive move to swoop in and register pop up Portsmouth, thus delaying the entity's efforts to help Portsmouth businesses, is inexcusable. Her behavior violates what the council stands for. She could have easily reached out and discussed matters, but chose to be underhanded and sneaky and teach some sort of misguided message. Ridiculous. Kennedy should be removed from office.

Regards,
Mark Vangel

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From: [Carol Mathes via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 12:16:04 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Carol Mathes (cmathes9@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 11:16:02

address: 7 Hampshire Rd

comments: Please help to call for the immediate resignation of Esther Kennedy due to her actions regarding Pop Up Portsmouth. I do not have any faith in her ability to keep personal views and actions, separate from what is best for the City of Portsmouth, and question her ethics as a city councilor.

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From: [Elisabeth Kennedy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 9:19:07 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Elisabeth Kennedy (lkjknk@aol.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 08:19:04

address: 64 Sheffield Road

comments: I've lived in Portsmouth most of my 52 years. I've owned my home, that my grandparents built back in the 40's, for 20 years, I've always been a political bystander, sitting at the periphery observing.

This, however, is a time where I can no longer sit out.

Esther Kennedy's actions to take control of how Popup Portsmouth will be run are unethical if not unlawful. Using her seat on the city council to appropriate information and then use that information for self gain/sabotage is reprehensible.

Esther seems to forget that her job is to represent the people and businesses of Portsmouth not her own self interests. To block assistance to struggling businesses whether Portsmouth owner or from other towns, in this crumbling economy, is beyond understanding.

Immediate removal is the only acceptable answer if our city council hopes to hold any credibility moving forward.

I would also like to ask, Esther, what has happened in your life to make you the person you are today? I hope you take the time to think long and hard on it.

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From: [Ruthie Spiero via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:11:38 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ruthie Spiero (ruthie.spiero@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 07:11:36

address: 396 Leslie Drive

comments: I feel strongly that Ms. Kennedy should not be allowed to remain in her role as council member. Even if what she claims is true and that she was trying to prove a point, it was unprofessional and petulant of her and in no way benefits the city of Portsmouth.

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From: [Tammi Keech via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:37:59 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tammi Keech (tammisearle@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 06:37:57

address: Portsmouth, NH

comments: Good morning! I wrote to all of you several days ago requesting information on what the council plans to do in regards to Councilwoman Kennedy's unethical actions and I have yet to hear back from any of the council members.

Please advise what steps are being taken to hold Councilwoman Kennedy responsible for the hold up of a very important project aimed at helping small businesses in our town.

Thank you,
Tammi Keech

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From: [Kirsten Hunter via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:37:53 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kirsten Hunter (kirhunter@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 06:37:51

address: 136 Cabot st

comments: I am writing to express my anger with the spiteful (and I would suspect illegal) tactics of city councilwoman Esther Kennedy. Her choice to file paperwork with the express intention of creating a barrier for a resident led city initiative that would generate much needed economic relief for local businesses reflects a clear message: Esther is not serving our city she is engaging in divisive political stupidity. I would like to see her resign. Further, I would like to see a financial account for her own locally driven 'clipper strong' fund, which collected over \$30,000 from local residents and seems to have done little good with that money.

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From: [Tanya Hart via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 5:31:08 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tanya Hart (tanya@oomph.salon) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 16:31:05

address: 110 Brewery Lane, Suite 110

comments: Dear Council,

I am writing in response to the obscene actions of Esther Kennedy.

As a local business owner who has been on the forefront of helping our local business and arts community thrive during these unprecedented times, I want answers.

I have been a small part of the Pop Up Portsmouth group and was shocked beyond words to find out how Esther inserted herself and thwarted the ongoing efforts to open this event in a timely manner. Her interference sets this timeline back further from opening. Trying to operate in New England, we have a finite amount of time before the weather starts turning on us. We also run the risk of another COVID outbreak and businesses needing to be shut down...again. Sadly, we could see many more close their doors as the year goes on. We are missing out on grave opportunity to help our community thrive and obtain revenues not available by abiding by our operational, state guidelines.

I have read Esthers response and I am disgusted. We do not need to be "taught" a lesson and this abuse of information is beyond her scope as a city council member. This group was transparent in our efforts to obtain fundraising and under the umbrella of another non-profit. Esther also had many opportunities to discuss her concerns, leading up to the filing for the name and trademark.

What is the City Councils response to this? It should be the immediate resignation of Councilor Kennedy.

-Tanya Hart, owner, Oomph Salon

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From: [Alyssa Duncan via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 11:13:04 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Alyssa Duncan (Alyssa@alyssaduncan.com) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 10:13:02

address: 36 Rogers Street

comments: It is time for Esther to resign. She is actively working against our community. She has proven that she is untrustworthy and vindictive and has, in no way, the capacity to lead our city. If she refuses to resign, I request the rest of the city council to terminate her position.

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From: [Mary Susan Daigl via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 4:07:43 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mary Susan Daigl (sdaigle@concsdt.net) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 15:07:41

address: 77 State St unit 401

comments: I hope the city council will consider investing if Esther Kennedy has breached her fiduciary duty to the citizens of Portsmouth who she represents and is suppose to advocate for by preemptively registering the PopUpPortsmouth name with the NH SOS. If nothing else this sure seems like a significant breach of trust by a city councilor. Thank you for your consideration

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From: [Paul Ringuette via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 3:09:38 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Paul Ringuette (paulnringuette@gmail.com) on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 02:09:37

address: 308 Richards Ave

comments: As a city council is privy to a lot of information, which sometimes might not make it into the public domain, I feel it is abhorrent that a city councilor registers the name of a concept not of her own design and effort. What business, nonprofit or startup would trust conducting their business in Portsmouth with a member of the city council who would undermine such enterprise by doing what was done recently. This action must be addressed by this city council.

Thank you.

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From: [Louis Lange via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Esther Kennedy
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 9:25:21 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Louis Lange (lou.lange@yahoo.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 20:25:19

address: 5 Freedom Circle, #13 Portsmouth, NH 03801

comments: Ms. Kennedy's underhanded efforts to sabotage a non-profit's work that would benefit the city's restaurant industry is unacceptable.

I call on Mayor Becksted to DEMAND an explanation for Ms. Kennedy's actions. If she cannot provide a truthful explanation for what she is doing, she should resign. Period.

Too many people have worked hard to get this process in motion. It should not be sabotaged by a city Councillor trying to make a name for herself.

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From: [Ryan Stevens via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: ESTHER KENNEDY'S RESIGNATION
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:15:49 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ryan Stevens (stevens.rp@gmail.com) on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 19:15:47

address: 115 Concord Way

comments: I demand the resignation of Esther Kennedy. The registration of Pop Up Portsmouth as an LLC in her name is counter to the common good of this town and an insult to the volunteers that have done more for this town's economic engine than the council.

The current council should be ashamed of their inaction on creative solutions. This act is an obvious impediment to the slight progress we still have a chance at making this summer.

Esther Kennedy is a fucking disgrace. I'm absolutely disgusted in this behavior.

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