

CITY COUNCIL E-MAILS

ADDENDUM

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June 7, 2021 Council Meeting

New content:

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jon Dickinson (jon3425@gmail.com) on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 08:28:32

address: 220 Walker Bungalow Rd

comments: Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts have all ended their mask mandates, yet, Portsmouth, continues to hold onto false science.

The city council looks foolish.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Peter Geremia (pgeremia@mac.com) on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 15:21:56

address: 315 Maplewood Ave.

comments: Hello,

It is time that the City of Portsmouth expedite the removal of the mask mandate and restaurant restrictions immediately. The rest of NH, MA, ME are mask free and restriction free. And with the latest Fauci email admissions it makes this even more important to remove NOW.

I also want to raise a concern that Kim McNamera has too much power and needs to stay within the bounds of the actual duties of HEALTH INSPECTOR. From what I can tell she was not able to balance her own feelings with the harsh reality of the situation at hand. Portsmouth businesses have suffered severely and we need to remove all restrictions NOW.

I have seen how QUIET Portsmouth has been and it is because of the mask mandate. With the huge amount vaccinations and herd immunity that has been achieved we should be fine and everywhere else is proving that to be the case.

It is time for Portsmouth to HELP its citizens and businesses recover from one of the WORST situations ever in this city.

Please remove the mask mandate and restaurant restrictions immediately. Do not slow roll this. Every day is costing these businesses so much!!

Thank You,

Peter Geremia

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Michael Barker (Mbarkerwink@gmail.com) on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 16:13:44

address: 95 Brewery Lane # 7

comments: As a Portsmouth Business Owner the mask mandate city wide should be lifted. The federal government and state government as well as surrounding states have relaxed the mask mandate and the fact that Portsmouth still has the mandate in place potentially until June 30th causes more confusion and is detrimental to businesses. It is said that even if the mandate is repealed business can still require masks, so at this point it would be best to repeal the mandate and allow businesses to choose to require or not require masks. The choice at this point really should be for businesses and also for individuals. Personally our business would benefit from being able to allow individuals to choose to be masked or not. Repeal the mandate please.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Charlie Griffin (charlesgriffinesq@gmail.com) on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 14:15:29

address: 210 Hillside Drive

comments: I use you not to approve the motion to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day, but rather to amend it as I set forth below for the following reasons.

1. The City Attorney has stated that since Columbus Day is a state holiday, the Council cannot change the name of the holiday without enabling legislation which does not exist.
2. Substituting Indigenous Peoples Day for Columbus Day would be inconsistent with the June 15, 2000 Resolution declaring Portsmouth to be a Racial Justice Community which was cited by several Councilors at your last meeting. Among the commitments contained in the resolution was "Cooperating with others to improve equity and inclusion and be welcoming of diversity throughout our community."

I suggest that when the Council recognized Indigenous Peoples Day along with Columbus Day last fall its action was consistent with the concepts of inclusion and welcoming diversity in our community as set forth in the Resolution. However, eliminating Columbus Day is an act of exclusion rather than inclusion and also fails to recognize the diversity of opinion that exists in our community regarding this issue. As Mayor Becksted said eliminating Columbus Day will pit one group of people against another and he does not want this to happen. Diversity cuts both ways and the Council needs to understand this fact. However, amending the motion to state as the City Attorney suggested at your last meeting that Indigenous Peoples Day will be observed co-terminus with Columbus Day in the City of Portsmouth, creates a win-win situation for everyone, allows us to become educated about the need for diversity, does not violate state law, avoids pitting one group against another and is consistent with the intent of the June 15, 2020 resolution.

As always I thank you for your consideration.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Rloundon (rloundon@outlook.com) on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 06:10:26

address: 20 islington st

comments: Enough with the mask mandates!

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Andrew (Andrew.oldman@hotmail.com) on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 15:52:02

address: Andover Ma

comments:

The Mayor all of you councilors are absolute baboons with your policy of wearing masks, why can't Gillys be open yet a bar can be open, idiots all of you, most everyone is vaccinated or had Covid, if you don't feel comfortable wear a mask, don't mandate everyone,, dopes

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Louis Gallo (ljallo@optonline.net) on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 19:16:21

address: 218 Harrison Avenue, Miller Place, NY 11764

comments: As the National Consultant on Columbus for the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA) and a researcher on Columbus for 8 years, your resolution is totally misguided! Revisionists and detractors have peddled a total fabrication about Columbus for years--- an egregious campaign of misinformation,

disinformation, faulty interpretations, faulty translations, non-seguiturs, and textual corruptions, all geared to destroy our European and Christian heritages!!

Columbus is absolutely not responsible for the atrocities committed against the natives because he was not present at all! He was either in the interior establishing settlements or trading outposts, or negotiating with the natives for food, water, and timber. He was under contract with the sovereigns to discover new lands, or back in Spain organizing another voyage. In these instances he left a governing commission behind to handle affairs, but the commissioners failed miserably in controlling avaricious, ambitious rogues from stealing land or women, or preventing cruelties against the natives. Again, I repeat! At those times Columbus was not there, and therefore is not responsible for the wayward behavior of these unscrupulous characters---Roderigo Escobedo, Pedro Gutierrez, Alonso de Ojeda, Francisco Roldan, Francisco de Bobadilla, Nicolas de Ovando, and Diego and Francisco de Porras, to name just a few, THE REAL CULPRITS NOT COLUMBUS!

PLEASE DO NOT BE DUPED BY THESE REVISIONISTS! FOR YOUR SAKE CONSULT THE COLUMBUS ARTICLES ON THE ITALIAN AMERICAN DEFENSE LEAGUE WEBSITE (IADLNOW.ORG) AND THE NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (CSJ) OF OSDIA WEBSITE(COLUMBUS THETRUTH.ORG) FOR AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRUE LEGACY OF COLUMBUS BASED ON SOLID, ECLECTIC PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SOURCES BEFORE YOU EVEN ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON THIS SPECIOUS RESOLUTION!

Think for a moment---Columbus never landed in New Hampshire, or North America, for that matter! How the heck then could he be responsible for the savagery against the aborigines there?! YOUR VOTE WOULD BE BASED ON AN ILLOGICALITY!! PLEASE, YOUR ONLY VOTE IS TO DEEP-SIX THIS RESOLUTION!!

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Louis Gallo (ligallo@optonline.net) on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 10:34:17

address: 218 Harrison Avenue, Miller Place, NY 11764

comments: P.S. Do what the Sag Harbor School District on eastern Long Island did on March 1st when I communicated with them on the same issue---Columbus Day stayed and Indigenous Peoples Day was set on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, a model for all, and everybody was happy!! So simple!

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Derek Malila (derekmalila@gmail.com) on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 12:15:25

address: 224 State Street, Suite 2

comments: From Dr Fauci's own email. "Masks are really for infected people to prevent them from spreading infection to people who are not infected rather than protecting uninfected people from acquiring infection," Fauci wrote back in a Feb. 5 message. "The typical mask you buy in the drug store is not really effective in keeping out virus, which is small enough to pass through the material."

The country's leading infectious disease expert went on to say he would not recommend the writer wear a mask during travel to a "very low risk location."

It is beyond a joke at this point that Portsmouth keeps this on. Let the people choose, we do not need you telling us how to "stay safe" unless you think for some reason you have more data and control than the CDC. People can choose the vaccine and or wear a mask. I shop and go out in surrounding towns as I will never wear a useless mask again.

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