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**Subject:** Consent Calendar Items 1I and 1J-Tracy City Council Meeting 6-16-2020

Mayor Rickman and City Council, my name is Alvin Vaughn and I live at 889 Alexander Gabriel Court. I would like to pull Items 1I and 1J from the Consent Calendar.

**Item 1.I.** Contract Extension for MTM Transit

**Q:** How much will the customer fare be to use the on-demand service?

**Item 1.J.** Free Student Bus Fares

**Comment:** I strongly support the creation of a program to provide free bus fares for students. As we deal with COVID-19, many families are struggling financially, and this will provide at least some relief to household expenses. I also believe it will increase ridership, and I have included an article from *Mass Transit Magazine* that shows how a similar program by Sacramento Regional Transit increased student ridership by 106%. Thank you for your attention.

<https://www.masstransitmag.com/bus/press-release/21125493/sacramento-regional-transit-sacrt-student-ridership-doubles-on-sacrt-farefree-program-for-youth-is-a-success>

**From:** Cayley Lanay Castro <[REDACTED]>  
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To who it may concern,

I am writing this to demand a required mask ordinance be put in place. Why you may ask? Well, let's get into the logistics of it all. Currently, San Joaquin County has a policy put into place that does not require its residents to wear masks while out. Not only does wearing masks protect others' well-being, it ensures our community remains safe. San Joaquin County currently has a rising number of cases so much so that it has been put on the state's watch list. Alone on 6/9/2020, there have been 1,259 cases, 826 recovers, and 39 deaths.

I would like the answer as to why when voting you guys, the council came to a collective no, however, while all of you were safe wearing your own masks. It's okay to protect your own health but when it comes to the community you guys collective do not see the need to wear masks. How about you take off the masks if it is safe and not needed? San Joaquin County has a high Hispanic poverty rate and when looking at the San Joaquin County COVID-19 dashboard it is shown that the highest cases being reported are people of Hispanic descent.

I pledge you to step away from whatever possible racial biases you may have and help the community that you swore to protect when taking your job. I was originally from Redwood City, Bay Area and due to the seriousness that takes place and masks ordinance, they have seen their numbers go down and are moving into different phases of reopening. It is not about your beliefs on the issue, your political views it is about what this community needs. If you are coming from a place of an economic standpoint I ask that you realize that money and businesses will eventually gain back what they lost, however, people in this community will not regain the love ones that they lost due to your council's lack of due diligence and concern for its people.

I propose that you, the city council put a required mask ordinance in place for the time being until cases are no longer going up and there is a steady decline. Nothing in San Joaquin County is going to get better if this issue is ignored and looked at with the mindset that it will slowly go away. You must remember these communities of people are traveling to other places and outside this county. So do the right thing and protect this community and protect other communities. You hold the power to put into place safety measures that are much needed, this county is already seen as not a progressive place, do not give another reason for that to be proven true to the people. I urge you to the right thing, wearing a mask is not going to hurt anyone, in fact, it will protect people. It is never too late to make the right decision.

Best,  
Cayley Castro