

**PUBLIC COMMENT – 11/24/2020 COUNCIL MEETING**

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From: Joan Fell [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 8:53 AM  
To: Tracy City Council <[tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org](mailto:tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org)>  
Subject: PLEASE HELP OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Our Tracy businesses have met all requests from the state to adhere to regulations. Some have not survived, and others will soon not survive without direct help from our city that benefits from the tax base these businesses provide. We expect our elected officials to extend a helping hand when its citizens and businesses are in crisis. Why wasn't the CARES money used to help these businesses thrive during a crisis they did not create? We understand a small portion was used for barriers but that's not enough. As citizens who care about our community, we expected more from you. That money should have benefited those businesses in desperate need, but it did not. If there's money from CARES, please give it directly to businesses. If we need to become a sanctuary city and stand up to unreasonable and the illogical demands by the governor, then we should. Only YOU can save them. Please find a way.

Sincerely,  
Jason and Joan Fell

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Hello,

I would like to urge the City Council to declare Tracy a Sanctuary City for business and set a guiding example to the many cities out there considering this as an option. your citizens need you to take this leap.

Melissa Whetsell

[REDACTED]

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Good Evening

Mike and I would like the council to consider doing **WHATEVER** it takes to keep our businesses **OPEN FOR BUSINESS** in Tracy!! We have spent thousands of dollars to **STAY** open during Covid constantly reinventing our business to keep up with the current Tiers to follow the State and County Regulations .... we believe this should be a decision of the **PEOPLE** to decide their comfort level of dining, shopping, exercising and practicing their faith **NOT YOU** or our Governor!!

We currently employ a staff of 20 **MOST** is these employees are head of household if we have to totally shut down again we will be forced to lay off at least 15 of the 20 !!!

Covid has completely changed the way we do business we are asking **YOU** to fight for **ALL** families / business owners And employees in Tracy!!!

These people have elected you in to represent US don't forget that!!

We hope the decision you make will help you look at yourself in the mirror and the faces of your community as you enter these business and walk down the street !

Thank you

Mike and Claudia Trotter

Owners of Town and Country Cafe

Dear City Councilmembers -

Thank you for taking this time to review the impact of state and local Covid-19 restrictions on businesses and other activities. I understand that restrictions on businesses in our community have created great hardship. I appreciate the efforts the City has made to support changes in business practices so that local businesses can continue to operate.

I ask that you seriously consider the implications of declaring Tracy a “sanctuary city.” It seems like City officials have already avoided citing or prosecuting businesses that don’t meet state and local Covid-19 requirements and have instead gone for an educational approach. Even if Tracy employees don’t aid the state and county in enforcement, the state and county can still cite local businesses for lack of compliance - even if the City says Tracy is a sanctuary city. It also seems like the City stands to lose significant funding that was designated to help offset the negative impacts of Covid if it declares itself a sanctuary city.

At this time, I’m not convinced that declaring Tracy a “sanctuary city” will yield an actual benefit for businesses and may cause financial harm to the City. However, I encourage the City to continue to explore ways to help businesses address the struggles created by the pandemic.

Thank you,  
Tiffanie Heben

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