August 3, 2021

Honorable Hilda L. Solis  
Supervisor, First District  
County of Los Angeles  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Room 856  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  

Re: Proof of Vaccination for Certain Indoor Activities

Dear Supervisor Solis:

I urge the County to require proof of vaccination for certain indoor activities, including dining in restaurants, exercising in gyms and attending public performances and events. According to recent reports, many local restaurants already are implementing this approach. The policy, however, should be uniform and consistent throughout the County. The City of New York just announced it will take similar action, and so should Los Angeles County.

Federal officials, including the Centers for Disease Control, have called the resurgence in COVID-19 a "pandemic of the unvaccinated." Principally because many County residents refuse to act responsibly and get vaccinated, residents who followed public health advice and received vaccines nonetheless face the risk of breakthrough COVID and now must follow the County’s mandate to wear masks in indoor public venues.
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Requiring proof of vaccination for these activities could incentivize reluctant residents finally to get shots, helping slow the resurgent pandemic here. This requirement would also protect the rights and welfare of vaccinated residents in these locations.

I urge the County to take this commonsense public health and safety action immediately, allowing for a brief period before it would take full effect. The interim period would allow unvaccinated residents to get shots, businesses to become educated on the new rule, and the County to develop protocols for enforcement.

Once experience warrants, ideally the County would then be able to lift the mask mandate for vaccinated people in these locations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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