August 30, 2021

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W Temple St., #383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

I write again to urge the County to require proof of vaccination for certain indoor activities, including patronizing restaurants and bars, exercising in gyms, and attending public events. Now that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and County Counsel have submitted their report to the Board on options for requiring proof of vaccination to enter certain public indoor settings, it is time to enact a County-wide vaccination mandate.

While the City of Los Angeles is exploring such a mandate within City borders, I strongly agree with the County’s report that, “Should a vaccination requirement be implemented for certain indoor settings, it will be most effective as a tool to lower levels of COVID-19 transmission if it is a countywide mitigation measure. Both Public Health and our business and labor partners agree that this will work best if there is a vaccination requirement that covers the entire County.”

The surge in COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations in Los Angeles and across the nation due to the Delta variant underscores the necessity of full vaccination. Only 64% of all Los Angeles County residents, however, are fully vaccinated. Requiring proof of vaccination for these popular, but optional activities could incentivize reluctant residents finally to get shots. This requirement would also protect the rights and welfare of fully-vaccinated residents in these locations—and could spur economic development by leading fully-vaccinated residents to feel safer in locations where they know everyone has received the shots.

The recent full federal approval of the Pfizer vaccine makes the vaccination mandate I support all the more compelling.

Please act swiftly. Enacting this rule now, then allowing for a brief period before it would take full effect, would allow unvaccinated residents to get shots, businesses to become educated on the new rule, and the County to develop protocols for enforcement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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