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From: Annette Bennett
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   i. Most of these stores depend on the customer being able to wander around their store for a point of purchase sale
   ii. Most of the small stores do not have every item catalogued and listed on their website for sale, even if they have a web or social media presence.

2. The small independent stores are being penalized when customers are allowed to wander around large retail outlets like gas stations, Walmart and a hardware store to buy anything in the store yet cannot go into a specialty store to buy similar items. Keep in mind that if safe social distancing and hand sanitizing can be maintained in these large stores they can certainly be maintained in the independent small stores.

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6. Our concern should not be whether a business is essential, all businesses are essential to the health of our economy, but rather whether it is safe. Employees need paychecks to support their families!

7. I would also like to see city council make adjustments in the budget for the shortfall in revenue ASAP, not 6+ weeks.

Annette Bennett
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I sent a group email to the Fredericksburg City Council on April 7, 2020 regarding emerging facts about Covid-19. I have been notified that there’s a special meeting on Monday 27, with one of the topics being reopening of certain facilities.

Since the beginning of the month, multiple research institutions working in the field throughout the country have gathered reliable information regarding numbers infected and deaths, and most of this data mirrors that of other countries. The death rate from Covid-19 appears to be very similar to that of an average seasonal influenza year. Initial theoretical models in the U.S. had poor data due to little screening at that stage, and all have been proven wrong by vastly overestimating the projected Covid-19 deaths, anywhere from 10 fold to 100 fold. Therefore, many well known people in the medical field are asking the bureaucrats to remodel using the new and more accurate data.

A large group of U.S. virologists, immunologists and epidemiologists are requesting that from what we’ve always known about these fields, in addition to the latest testing data, that we open up schools, restaurants and stores. Their reasoning is that about 85% of deaths from Covid-19 occur in people 80 and older, and as their projected life span is estimated to be about 82, on average they are dying in the last 2 years of their lives. Therefore, we should be concentrating on isolating this high risk group and others at higher risk than average. The scientists’ statement is that with any infectious disease, you only isolate the sick and not the well, as we are currently doing.

There are major unwanted effects of the current policy in the U.S., including more or less shutting down the health system so regular non-Covid patients no longer have access (screening procedures, cancer treatments, surgeries, check-ups, and so on). Physicians in the trenches are also reporting a spike in depression, child abuse and spousal abuse, all of which are life changing. So the treatment may truly be worse that the cure.

On the immunity front, every immunologist knows that if you remove people from other human interaction, their immune systems are no longer “challenged” by bacteria and viruses (mostly harmless), and begin to weaken within a week or two. You then set up a scenario where people who initially were asymptomatic then isolated, are eventually released into the population (the isolation cannot last forever) with weakened immune systems and are at much higher risk of contracting not only the Coronavirus, but other infectious diseases to which they would normally be immune. Hill Country Memorial Hospital has prepared very well in case there’s an increase in Coronavirus infections, so we seem to have the capacity to handle things in that event.

And I haven’t even mentioned the devastating effects on the economy and the financial situation of all Americans.

You have difficult choices, but I would suggest that you keep asking questions and keep an open mind. Don’t be intimidated by hysterical media headlines and numbers of deaths given with no context. My view and that of an increasing number in the medical field is that we should be treating the Coronavirus just like influenza. About 40% of people contracting the Coronavirus are asymptomatic, and the vast majority of the remainder will be unwell for about a week, then fully recover. We don’t shut down the whole country every year during the ‘flu season, so why now?
Sincerely,

Errol J. Candy, M.D.

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I would like to comment on lifting of COVID 19 restrictions

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I would like to comment on Agenda Item #1:
COMMENTS: I would hope we can have some help paying the utilities for small businesses for the next couple of months. Once we are back up and running we could pay the full amounts and what is owed.

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