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Subject *

Beach Closure

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open the beaches for essential services like walking, running, biking, etc. in small groups. This is a huge outside area where people are distanced and the wind is blowing. Being quarantined is bad enough and without having the beach makes it even worse. This makes no sense at all. Just order continued social distancing and groups less than 10. Patrols can continue as they are now.



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Go slow

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I urge you to go slow when reopening Galveston. Polls show that most citizens want restraint and caution, not a rapid return. We have not met the reopening criteria recommended by most public health officials. Please protect us and continue to head the advice of our local health professionals.



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Subject *

Short term rentals

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

When do you see short term rentals being able to open and accept reservations?



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Subject *

Pet grooming

Comments * (?)

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When will pet grooming be able to open. They are basically drop off and pick up basis to begin with.



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Subject *

Beach access

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open the beaches as soon as possible - we live in Galveston for all of the fun actives including the beach which is closed. Florida has done so - why not Galveston.



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Beach Closure

Comments * (?)

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Please keep the beaches closed and continue the shelter in place rule. It's working. Let's not mess this up until we are sure we are over the hump and proper testing is in place. Do not listen to Gov. Abbott.



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Subject *

Allow Short Term Rentals

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Allow short term rentals. Period. You're killing us. And open up the beaches. This is Galveston, not South Beach. It's safer to walk the beach than walk the crowded Seawall. Don't be idiots.



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Do Not Require Face Coverings

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Do not require face coverings. You can recommend that people wear face coverings, but do not require it. We aren't under Sharia law.



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Subject *

Opening beaches

Comments * (?)

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I am requesting that beach access be granted at least for walking and exercise. If residents can walk on the streets, they should be allowed to walk on the beaches. I support maintaining appropriate social distancing.



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Concern over our City Business

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I feel that it is very important to open Galveston restaurants, bars, shops, and all other businesses by the end of April. Waiting until the middle of May is not necessary to the health of our community, and will cause many struggling businesses to fail. This will not only cost the owners of those failed businesses their lives and futures, it will result in lost revenue to the city. Florida beaches are open. Galveston is losing a huge amount of revenue by the day. Thank you.



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Beaches

Comments * (?)

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Open our beaches and bring back the port-a-potties



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20LC-023

Comments * (?)

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Galveston Historical Foundation holds covenants on this property. Our approval is required prior to any modifications be made to the property. The property owner needs to contact the organization as soon as possible for review and approval prior to commencing the work.



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Homeowners beach Half Moon

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

We have been walking on the highway since we can't walk on the beach. Drivers are speeding by and we have felt our lives are in danger. Could the police stop the speeders instead of spending their time patrolling the beach in case God forbid a homeowner might be simply trying to exercise safely? Would be easy for homeowner to carry something proving they live on the beach. We only have one row of houses so have no other option for walking. My husband is 75 and had recent surgery & needs to walk.



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Subject *

Gradual Beach Re-Opening

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

So far, I've favored every step the city has taken to protect Galvestonians during the virus crisis. Good job!

I suggest, as part of a cautious re-opening of the Island, that Galveston beaches immediately be opened from 5:30 AM to 10:00 AM weekdays. Walkers, joggers, fishermen, cyclists, surfers, beachcombers, etc., could enjoy the beaches during hours that tend to be best for those activities anyway, while precluding swarms of tourists for the time being.



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Subject *

Opening salons

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

As we consider opening up our island's small businesses i would recommend hair salons be in the first wave.
The city could easily limit the number of techs and customers and require masks and gloves



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Subject *

Getting back to work

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I recommend putting the responsibility on the business owners. We are willing and able, need to re-open and need to have employees be able to resume their positions, ASAP. Finding a reliable source to order masks and hand sanitizer is a critical step in the process, as those items will need to be provided by the business owners, to the employees, along with instructions on how to properly use them. Once this can be accomplished, I see no need to delay the re-opening of businesses.



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Subject *

Beach Re-Opening

Comments * (?)

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I write to hope to open up the beaches for exercise and fitness only. Groups larger than a certain amount and sitting can continue to be banned as you see necessary. Please help us maintain fitness in our cherished outdoor space in a safe manner. I know that our neighborhood has been very cautious and respectful of social distancing guidelines when we walk on the streets. That mindset will easily continue on the beach.



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Subject *

Reopen beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

State parks have reopened and even beaches in New Jersey of all places have reopened. Simply open them for a few hours in the morning, close in the afternoon, and reopen in the evening to deter the day trip crowds, require family units to stay away from other groups and continue to patrol as you are currently doing to ensure people are social distancing.



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Subject *

Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please continue to stay the course to keep Galveston safe. Keep the beaches closed to deter visitors and stop/ slow the spread of the virus here. Galveston is a beautiful island with many places to explore. We have begun walking thru neighborhoods and looking at the lovely restored historical homes. There are many ways to exercise beside going to the beach



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Subject *

Beach Openings

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please consider re opening the beaches in Pirates Beach. People will adhere to social distancing. It will be used for exercise, walking dogs, etc.



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Reopen beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please reopen! We live in pirates beach subdivision and simply want to jog and walk. We don't need to sit at this point, we just would like to walk ourselves and our dog and jog.



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Subject *

Beach reopening

Comments * (?)

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There is absolutely no reason to not reopen the beaches to allow people to walk or exercise on the beach. No sitting, no large groups. No reason for a mask while outside in the open air. Same as walking on the streets like we are going now.



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Subject *

Fear of opening too soon

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

As an essential worker, it has been somewhat comforting not having to face the influx of tourists while trying to make sure children stay safe. I want the beaches open as much as the next person, but if it means keeping thousands of people off the island so those that have to work can do it safely, then that's what we should do until there has been a substantial decrease in cases.



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Subject *

reopening beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Hello,

We have a second home in Pirates Beach. We would like to request reopening the beaches with restrictions to allow for exercise in small groups of 2 and/or limited hours. Enforce the ban of no gatherings, etc but please don't punish the many because of the few. The beaches are public property and are one of the few ways we have to maintain our physical and mental healthy during this shutdown.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Montie Krumnow



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Subject *

Open beaches

Comments * (?)

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As a homeowner of a house in Pirates Beach, we would like you to kindly consider opening up the beaches with a 6' social distancing rule starting this Friday April 24th. Thank you for your consideration!



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Beach Opening

Comments * (?)

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At a "minimum" please open up the beach like Florida has done.

Of course social distancing

Morning & Evening hours

And why not lunch time hours

And why not sunbathing; vitamin D strengthens our immunity



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Catherine

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COVID-19

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

First, I wish to commend the island leaders for their thoughtful response to the current public health challenge. Although I realize the hardship that containment measures have placed on residents of Galveston, I believe that caution should be exercised when relaxing mitigation measures.

I support leaving beaches closed through April. Public health experts have experience with epidemic/pandemic response, please continue following their recommendation. Most Gratefully, Catherine Cooksley, DrPH,



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Subject *

Terrific Leadership

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Thank you Mayor Yarbrough and Mr. Maxwell for your hard work in keeping my family safe! I have been comforted knowing ethical, valued, and professional leadership have guided Galveston through these fearful and unsettling times. Keep up the good work!

Please keep the beaches CLOSED!



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Subject *

Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

My wife and I understand much about life; but how to close the beaches to residents is just unreasonable while leaving the sea wall ok to walk on! Passing each other does not meet the requirements of 6 feet!

Please! It would be simple to spot check by the showing of a bill with your name or address; or just a driver's license.



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Subject *

Tennis courts

Comments * (?)

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Please open the tennis courts back up.
Repair Lindale and Menard courts.



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City of Galveston Beach Opening

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please vote to re-open our beaches tomorrow. Place restrictions if you want. The patrols are out there now asking people to leave so they can remain to enforce the restrictions, if you feel there needs to be restrictions. We are losing an entire month at our beach. People are going crazy and the beach is soothing and therapy! I look forward to watching live tomorrow. Please please please!!!



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Subject *

Meeting April 23rd

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Hi Council Members,

Please, PLEASE consider opening the beaches this weekend. It's tough being cooped up and now that the number of COVID-19 cases are looking better, the citizens of Galveston need outdoor space.

Thank you!



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Opening Galveston

Comments * (?)

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All,

I support the plan (RETURN PLANNING DETAIL.PDF) to reopen Galveston. The plan should be approved and adopted ASAP.

Troy Leek



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Subject *

Open Galveston beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please vote to allow walking, biking, and other recreation on Galveston beaches with appropriate social distancing and no groups. At least a few hours each morning and evening would be greatly appreciated by a resident and taxpayer of Pirate's Beach. Fresh air and exercise is why we bought here.



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Comments for City Council meeting

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Do not reopen the beaches. We are not ready. Insufficient testing and data to base reopening decisions on. People will not keep distancing. They don't even do it at the grocery stores. We also do not need tourists coming down and using scarce resources. Give it at least three more weeks, please.



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Meeting decorum and opening the city

Comments * (?)

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I was interested in what Ms. Bly was saying but Mr. Hardcastle interrupted her twice after she politely asked him to let her finish. As for opening golf courses I've heard the City Marshall previously had to close them down because social distancing guidelines weren't being followed, ie., one person per golf cart. I'm all for gradually opening up the city if adults will follow guidelines and enforced for those that don't. I thank the city for taking steps early to protect its citizens.



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Purvez

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Captain

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Beach closure

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Dear City Council members: I applaud your decision to close the Galveston beaches two weeks ago. This action was needed to flatten the curve. However, it is time to allow people to exercise on the beach. The sun is out and everyone is cooped up at home and walking on the beaches should be permitted. I would suggest limited hours initially from 7 am to 10 am and 5 pm to 8 pm and only for exercise.

Thanks,

Purvez Captain



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Subject *

Corona Virus

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

PLEASE! Keep the island residents safe and do not open our beaches until this threat is greatly reduced. I watched hordes of people descend on the island from Houston and beyond. I am in a high risk category and live alone so I do not have someone to run errands for me. I limit my trips to once every two weeks now. PLEASE help to keep us safe by limiting access or reason for large amounts of people to be on the island.



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Subject *

Re-open Plan Draft for Hotels, Short Term Rental, B & B

Comments * (?)

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Question on the re-open policies for Hotels, Short Term Rentals(STR) and B&B.

Draft Plan pg 3, item (4) states it is required that hand sanitizing wipes or hand sanitizer be available at all entrances to HOTEL properties for guests. It doesn't state this is required for STR or B&B's. If this is required for STR and B&B's, will these sanitizer wipes and/or hand sanitizer be supplied/provided to STR and B&B's by the City since the supply chain for such products is exhausted?



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Subject *

Beach access

Comments * (?)

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I would like to suggest that we allow people to at least walk on the beach. I understand the barricades and warnings, but I think just walking around will not harm anyone.



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Small business assistance grants

Comments * (?)

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Small business owners have been impacted greatly by this and we are all trying to figure out how to survive and be a part of this community when this is over.

Unfortunately, SBA help is a tedious process and everyone that I have spoken to is left in the dark about where they stand, myself included. It has been weeks since we applied and still have heard nothing and face fears of them running out of funds.

Has the city considered offering assistance to small businesses?



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Subject *

City Shutdown

Comments * (?)

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Please open the Beach and all businesses and offices.



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Request for beaches to reopen

Comments * (?)

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To Whom It May Concern, I would like to respectfully request that you reopen the beaches to the public with precautionary statements about social distancing. As a homeowner in Pirates Beach, I would like to resume my outdoor activities that include running in the beach, walking my dogs, building sandcastles with my elementary age children and surfing.



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Cheryl

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Subject *

Covid

Comments * (?)

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Be very wary of making any moves that encourage visitors to the island for a while yet. Houston hasn't peaked. Testing on the island has only just started. An influx of visitors will negate all efforts expended to date. And the crowds will come. Weather is beautiful. Too many have no common sense. And please don't give Hardcastle more than 60 secs to whine about golf. Thank you.



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Patricia

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Curtis

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Subject *

Closing beaches on weekends is to favor full time residents & that is not allowed under the Texas Open Beach Act

Comments * (?)

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First, I believe the beaches should be open every day, subject to social distancing being observed. But, if you insist on limiting the hours that the beaches are open, the beaches should be open the same hours every day of the week. The Texas General Land Office will not allow the beach to remain open to residents only. As a public beach, it must be closed to all. To attempt to close the beaches on the weekend is an attempt to skirt the intent and purpose of TOBA by favoring residents.



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Subject *

Pirates Beach

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I own a house on pirates beach... I think if you live or you own a home on Pirates Beach you should at the very least be able to walk on the beach... we pay taxes and owners should be able to enjoy the beach with distance between neighbors... the governor of Texas has opened up ALL state parks and pirates beach is right beside it so I really don't understand why our beach could not open ...



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Subject *

Open Galveston Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Own a 2nd home in Pirates Beach. Quarantining here currently. Sure would be nice to be able to exercise on beach but keep social distance



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Subject *

Open the city back up

Comments * (?)

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As a resident and a business owner I have been hit very hard with this Chinese flu debacle. The city of Galveston was one of the first cities in the state that closed down and the financial devastation has been overwhelming to myself and my employees and many other business owners. This flu is no worse than the every day flu. As more and more people are tested.. the numbers do not justify devastating the economy and people's lives.. it needs to stop!



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Subject *

Initial Recovery & Re-opening

Comments * (?)

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Lack of community testing levels for infection & antibodies. Restaurants & bars - risk of transmission in people who are infected & asymptomatic as no customers will be wearing face masks while eating and drinking & impact of alcohol on an individuals judgement No requirement for sanitizing between customers No limit to number of persons in group or at table Hotels Vacation Rentals RV Parks etc should be restriction on persons allowed to visit to exclude visitors from areas of high infections



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Beach Access

Comments * (?)

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If the city allows beach access, be prepared for the social distancing to end. Just drive up and down the Seawall and there are cluster of people standing around on the side walks. No masks, less than 6 ft of distance separating them, counted two groups today that had 10+ in the group. Mayor Yarborough has stated numerous times that we cannot differentiate between Galveston and surrounding counties that would be on the beach if we open them. Stay the course, be patient and follow the rules.



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Subject *

Golf courses and beaches

Comments * (?)

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Several area golf courses are reopening (Beacon Lakes off Hwy 646 and BayForest in LaPort).
If Moody Gardens and Galveston CC restricted the number of people in the pro shop and limited the number of people that played together as well as mandating one cart/ person with the exception of family members, ie husband & wife, etc would it be possible to let the courses reopen April 1.
Social distancing can easily be observed on the course and outside activities are needed.



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Re open STR

Comments * (?)

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Please consider opening STR' and the beach on the West end. Many of us depend on this revenue during this time of year. The West end is very different than the East end with more secluded beaches. maintaining social distancing is do able on the West end.

Thank you



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Public comments for Beach reopening

Comments * (?)

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Beaches need to be opened daily even if for limited hours. Only opening for certain hours Monday to Friday discriminates those that must work during the week and need Saturday and Sunday for exercise and mental wellness. Also what is the harm of allowing someone and members of their household to sit on the beach? Sitting still allows for social distancing And provides much needed relaxation and meditation time for mental wellness.



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Evictions

Comments * (?)

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Please disregard question submitted earlier today. I realized the issue is not under the City's jurisdiction. Thank you.



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Subject *

City Council Meeting 4/23/20

Comments * (?)

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Please be smart about reopening the beach and businesses. I know we all need to get back to "normal," but cases of Covid19 are still increasing each day, and we've only tested 2% of the population. I miss the beach as much as anyone, but we need to keep our residents safe. I'm sure we are going to see a spike in positive cases as soon as people stop staying home. We need to minimize this as much as possible. And for the love of God, can we PLEASE stop talking about the golf courses!! Thank you.



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Subject *

Beach closure

Comments * (?)

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I would like to voice support for a measured beach opening, via specified hours. I am not sure if this is possible/enforceable, but it would be much appreciated if locals could access the beaches, without illegally excluding non-locals. One potential solution I envision might be opening the beaches during early hours ONLY, such as 7AM-9AM, while still enforcing social distancing standards, and for only exercise: if on the beach one should be walking/running/in motion, or engaged in water sports.



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Open the beaches

Comments * (?)

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Please open the beaches for fishing and physical activity. If you're concerned, keep the Seawall closed.



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Subject *

Request for comments on gyms

Comments * (?)

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I would appreciate your consideration of opening small gyms that would only allow small number of people in at one time. (10 -15 people). Boutique gyms (like cycling or small group fitness classes) should be allowed to open. Exercise is a huge mental health booster- Please consider allowing these small gyms to open in phase 1.



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Re: beaches

Comments * (?)

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I would love to see beaches open for at least a certain amount of time each day for residents and homeowners. It seems absurd to not allow people to walk on beaches.



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Draft of Galveston re-opening

Comments * (?)

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The draft states that fishing is allowed from rock groins but makes no mention of surf fishing. Surf fishing allows for more social distancing than fishing from rock groins but it is not clear that surf fishing is allowed.



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Subject *

Drift for re-opening

Comments * (?)

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What is the rationale for closing bars at 10:00 PM?

Why not at least midnight?

This would give people in the service industry an hour or two to unwind after shifts at restaurants, etc.

Also, it would assist bar staff by letting them complete full shifts and, therefore, more closely normalizing their earnings as in the past.



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Private pool use

Comments * (?)

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Guidance is needed for apartment and condominium owners on use of pools. The CDC guidance says private pool use is alright in the coronavirus epoch. However, City pool closure has made the issue of "pool closure" hazy.

Is Galveston saying all pools should be closed?

I think answering this question, at least, may be clarifying to many in the community.

Further, affirming that Galveston has not issued all pools closed would be helpful. (In this statement note that CDC guidance is recommended)



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Lifting restrictions too early

Comments * (?)

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Being in the high risk group for covid-19, (mid 70's with underlying health issues), my wife and I are very much concerned that restrictions will be lifted too early placing us in greater danger. Of greatest concern is reopening beaches and the huge influx of tourists from outside of Galveston. We ask that you please give this your utmost consideration.



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City Reopening

Comments * (?)

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Since Galveston County and other Texas counties allow beach access then the City of Galveston should NOT prohibit beach access. It should be an individual decision to go to the beach and maintain a safe distance from each other as appropriate. There is nothing healthier than exercising on the beach. If there are "crowd control" problems then these should be handled as normal Police enforcement.



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Subject *

beach hours

Comments * (?)

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hello! I am glad you're considering open hours for the beach, but it's still dark at 6am!

maybe open until 10am?

and since those are not sunbathing hours, would the restrictions on stopping/sitting need to be in place? It would be really nice for my granddaughters to be able to build a sandcastle or fly a kite.



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Opening Galveston beaches

Comments * (?)

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I know all of you know this but please let me remind you that if you open the beaches with the intent to satisfy locals for periods of time during the week, word will get out and there will be a massive influx of non islanders. Prepare for that.



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Beach closure

Comments * (?)

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Beach access should be restored.

Measures can include Restrictions of hours, number in group, no chairs or umbrellas. Beach patrol can be more frequent, and enforcement backed by fines. (revenue ?)

Physical distancing more feasible on beach than Seawall which has been congested with bikes, strollers, runners, etc...

Respectfully,
Michele Thiet



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Easing Restrictions

Comments * (?)

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While I personally feel it is early to lift the restrictions that have been in place, I can well understand how & why they may need to be alleviated to some extent at this time. I feel this must be highly regulated and enforced vigorously. I also feel citizens must accept and adhere to this in their personal lives and act responsibly in every way.



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Private Fishing Charters

Comments * (?)

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Will the Private Fishing Charters be opened for business also? We have no more than 8 people in a group at a time. The proposed orders do not mention us. I own Reel Men Fishing Charters.



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Subject *

Open all beaches and business

Comments * (?)

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We know who the enemy is. Is a virus that does not fly in the air like pollen. it is transmitted via humans THAT WHEN INFECTED; 1 EVERY 100,000; via coughing and sneezing while being close to one another. It's stays on surfaces between 4 to 24 hours. Does not like salt because it brakes it's pH on it's tentacles and becomes dis-functional. It is killed with disinfectants and heat, So we know how ti fight it. Following CDC rules and good Housekeeping is ok.



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Retail-to-Go Question

Comments * (?)

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Seeking a better understanding of the "retail-to-go" limitation when we are regularly entering grocery stores and other types of businesses. Why couldn't retailers simply limit shoppers (based on square footage), require masks and follow the social distancing guidelines set out for restaurants, bars and other businesses?



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Public Beaches

Comments * (?)

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Also confused by the opening of pools, but continued closure of public beaches. While I appreciate the opportunity to utilize public beaches during the early morning and late evening hours during the week, this is of no benefit to home owners and tax payers who are in Galveston only on weekends. There are irresponsible residents and tourists, but the majority should not be punished because of the mindless minority! Patrol, arrest, fine, whatever - but please open the beaches.



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Galveston Country Club golf course

Comments * (?)

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I am 77 with limited mobility. Please permit the use of a single cart rider as do many courses in Texas (include others in the County). I will practice safe distancing. Thank you



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Subject *

Houses of Worship

Comments * (?)

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It seems that something should be included to cover houses of worship ... mandatory spacing in pews, mandatory masks, something. It feels odd that this has not been addressed. People are going to Walmart and the liquor store, but are not allowed to attend church services. Again I "get it" that puts people in close proximity, but spacing on pews, skipping every other pew ... there are ways and it should be addressed and included. It's also great to offer sermons via Zoom and FaceBook Live.



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Subject *

Reopening of local businesses

Comments * (?)

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Hello, I support the opening of all businesses with appropriate safety precautions. People need to return to work to provide for their families.



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Subject *

Re-opening Galveston, April 13, City Council meeting

Comments * (?)

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Opening the beaches for limited morning and evening hours is fine, however, please make it 7 days a week. It is unfair to those who have weekend houses or those to work essential jobs not to be able to step on the beach during the weekend.



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Subject *

Covid 19 community and business reopening plan

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

First, I want to thank each of you for making tough decisions and trying to do your best to protect public health. I have reviewed the draft proposal and it sounds like a reasonable place to start. My concerns have to do with timing and meeting all of the guidelines before reopening. During your discussions, can you please address whether our city, county, and state will have met these guidelines and if any criteria are not met, why you think they are or are not necessary before reopening?



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Re-opening Galveston - Mask wearing

Comments * (?)

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I request that face masks NOT be mandatory for the general public, even in public. For starters, it will be hard to enforce and, although you have indicated in prior meeting that the policing of the beach (and other policies) be done by your residents reporting on each other, this sounds a bit too much like Nazi Germany for my comfort. Have faith that we are all taking the right measures to stay safe and keep others safe. Give the public credit for having some common sense.



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Subject *

Suggestions for Raising Revenue/Opening Beaches

Comments * (?)

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Hi Galveston City Council,

Please open beaches May 1st or before, with social distancing restrictions:

- 1)no drive beaches all Summer, eliminate cars and chaos on all beaches, no tailgate parties, no disturbing the peace,
- 2)restricted hours, impose curfew,
- 3)no more than 1-6 people together on the beach, violators get a \$500 fine per person and will be asked to leave the island immediately
- 4)let us exercise, sit, lie on beach and swim



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Subject *

More Suggestions/Restaurants

Comments * (?)

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Continuation of my last form:

1)Please enforce or encourage restaurant management to take temperature of all staff each day, please make all kitchen staff wear gloves, please enforce servers, cashiers and hostesses wear both gloves and disposable masks for their safety and ours, please make them change gloves often

2)If they open restaurants - please encourage social distancing with placement of tables and limit the number of dine-in guests, look at Kentucky



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Ideas for Opening/Rentals

Comments * (?)

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1)When you open, please enforce bicycle, boat, surf board and beach gear rental companies to wipe down, disinfect between renters, enforce super strict cleaning guidelines and social distancing while at the cashier
2)Impose strict cleaning and disinfecting guidelines for home rentals, enforce space between renters, 3-7 day periods, no back to back renters! You cannot predict the hygiene and habits of others but you can try to slow down the virus by staying safe all Summer



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And more suggestions

Comments * (?)

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1)please encourage families and groups of people not to loiter on the seawall for more than 30 min-1 hour at a time on park benches or tables, break it up, keep them moving, encourage them to sit in chairs by their own parked cars or go to the beach once beaches are open again, no more than 6 at a time, please keep portable toilets open so people don't urinate or defecate on seawall or beaches, please clean bathrooms more often using virus guidelines



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Beaches and opening

Comments * (?)

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1. Let's open more private beaches open now to residents, ex. Sunny Beach. It is separated from the public pocket beach off 8mile road and it is easy to be 50 yards away from anyone!
- 2 let's open public beaches to only Galvestonians & homeowners in groups of 5 only 30 feet apart.Mental health!
3. Announce causeway closed to Galveston residents/homeowners/essential business related travel with random checks to enforce, much like traffic speed enforcements to just reduce visitor numbers.



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Subject *

proposed beach reopening

Comments * (?)

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Please open the beaches and enforce the no large groups provision. If I want to carry a chair down to Indian Beach and rest after a walk, what is the harm? We have had enough warnings and fear mongering from the media. Let's lead and show common sense in Galveston. We are weary and skeptical of good intentions shown by gov't officials and medical experts at all levels while the real damage has been done to our mental health, economic security and civil liberties. Galveston is better than this!



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Subject *

Wearing Mask While Golfing

Comments * (?)

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I don't understand the need to wear a mask while golfing. It is very easy to maintain 6' social distancing during the entire round. I don't expect people will play a round of golf in a mask (I won't) and that puts continued financial impact on the courses. The heat in Galveston actually makes it dangerous to try to golf in Galveston with a mask on.

Thanks.



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Subject *

Beach

Comments * (?)

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The draft didn't say whether the beach would be only open to pedestrians. I feel that it would be CRITICAL to continue the ban on vehicular traffic.



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Subject *

Proposed reopening guidelines

Comments * (?)

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The draft guidelines seem like a reasonable first step. However, the beach hours during the week are too narrow. I believe 5 total hours a day. We need a bigger window or you will have a lot of people on certain sections of the beach. Implement the guidelines immediately with beaches open on weekdays from 6-noon and 6PM-9PM.



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Subject *

ENFORCEMENT

Comments * (?)

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This comment is regarding any plans to reopen any part of Galveston and/or Galveston County. No plan will work if it is not ENFORCED. Suggestion: FINES FOR COMPANIES/EMPLOYERS/BUSINESSES! Make them responsible to enforcing the rules, otherwise they will not do it. For example, if masks are required, require businesses to post an employee at the door who will ensure that anyone who enters is wearing a mask. ENFORCEMENT!



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Subject *

Beach access

Comments * (?)

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The partial opening of beaches in the am and pm only on weekdays still eliminates many of the essential workers and part time residents. I feel not allowing on the weekends is a discrimination to those individuals. I propose opening all hours and days. There are patrol units on the beaches, Why not allow for movement on the beaches as proposed and have the authority to remove the people who try to set up for the day? I would also like to see fishing as a sole stationary activity allowed.



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Subject *

Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I live on the West End of Galveston Island. All of us are so disappointed you have taken our beaches away from us. Instead, you would rather us stay in a much smaller secluded area such as sidewalks and streets to do our exercising, etc. This makes no sense. The West End supplies the majority of the tax dollars for Galveston. There are so few entry points where it would not affect medical personnel, etc that you could have check points. You are devaluing real estate here!



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Subject *

Pet grooming

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

When will pet grooming open.



City of Galveston

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Subject *

COVID-19

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I support the City's plan to reopen businesses in Galveston. I would suggest that a provision be added to recommend that persons who are most vulnerable should continue to voluntarily continue isolation. I would also ask the City Council if they have considered the impact on Galveston if it opens quicker than neighboring cities and attracts more out of town customers.



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Subject *

Beach closure

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Dear City Council representatives. Please vote to open our beaches - restricted hours would even be fine. I am responsible enough to stay away from others and still enjoy the best amenity we have on our beautiful island. Thank you - a full time resident.



City of Galveston

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Subject *

Opening the beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

A full copy of my comments were emailed to Councilmembers Listowski and Hardcastle... The City's draft plan that restricts opening the beaches from 6am-9am and 6pm-8pm Mon-Fri, and closed on weekends, is overly restrictive—as is restricting activities allowed on the beach, such as prohibiting individuals from sitting on the beach. Galveston should follow the Texas State Park protocol and remove the burdensome beach restrictions and fully open the beaches with social distancing rules in place.



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Subject *

Beach closing

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

We are respectfully requesting that you open the beaches to family groups or a limited number at a time.... walking and running.

As residents, we need to be outside and staying healthy and the risk is almost none with the wind and miles of space in between.

The beach is the safest place in the city to walk for women. If open for exercise it could still be monitored, as it is right now, for anyone gathering against the rules.

Please relax the rules while keeping us safe.



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Subject *

Fishing on the Beach

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

According to the draft: (6) Fishing from rock piers will be allowed during the same days and hours mentioned above.

Will fishing be allowed from the beach too? I really hope so because the rock piers will be much harder to social distance from others than the beach itself. On the rock piers, you have to walk closer to people than if you are fishing on the beach.

Thank you for all that you are doing to keep us safe. I know that your jobs are not easy



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Subject *

Masks

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

You are infringing on personal rights requiring people to wear masks in stores. We don't have to now. I will not spend money on the island if that's the case. I will do my grocery shopping off island and support the stores on the mainland as opposed to keeping it local.



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Subject *

Let Residents on the beach! We pay taxes that visitors don't pay.

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I understand the concern about the millions of visitors on the Island. Fine continue to prohibit visitors. But you have severely affected the home owners who pay exorbitant property taxes each year in Galveston. Open the beaches to home owners! Simply require that anyone on the beach be able to provide proof of residence in Galveston. We would be glad to bring this paperwork with us in return for access to OUR beaches.



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Subject *

SUPPORT FOR REOPENING THE WEST END BEACHES

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

As a home owner of property on the west end of Galveston Island, I respectfully request the Council to allow reopening of the west end beaches. These beaches have significantly less utilization that allows for greater ease of distancing.

Thank you for your consideration of this input.

Rodney Vickers



City of Galveston

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Subject *

Beach closure on west end

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I know you are helping us control the virus on the island and I thank you. I hope to see early morning access to the beach for residents on the west end in the near future. I moved to Galveston and pay taxes in Galveston because I love my morning walks on the beach. I understand you can't determine who lives here and who does not, but I really would like just a few hours of beach time a day. I miss the beach, but have observed the mayor's order. Thank you.



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Subject *

Short term rentals

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please decide as soon as possible on any extensions on the ban on short term rentals. Those of us adhering to the ban have customers as early as May 1. It would be good business if we can give them more than the night before notice. I don't have enough information to request a decision on the covid ban one way or the other. I do know I have a very full month of May of guests. I rely on the City Council to make the educated and expeditious decision. Waiting until April 30th will not.



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Subject *

Reopening Galveston

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open Galveston places of business for residents. I understand the importance of protecting our citizens from illness, and yes, we are capable; through distancing, masks, gloves, hand washing and sanitizer to responsibly patronize the businesses that so desperately require these opportunities. Support our local mom & pop establishments.

I also support IDs from patrons (to confirm they are residents) in order to enter local businesses and beaches, until this crisis is behind us.

Thank you



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Subject *

Open the Beaches to Tax Payers!!!

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

While I understand the reaction to protecting the residents, it is completely unacceptable to close the beaches to tax paying property owners in the City of Galveston. I also understand that GLO insists per the Open Beaches Act, that the beaches are open (or closed) to all. However, this is a pandemic, and maybe special circumstances apply. Not sure if the mayor even has this power after a certain amount of time without it going to Texas legislature, which I don't believe that it has.



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Subject *

COVID-19 Re-opening Plan

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Thank you for taking steps to Re-Open Galveston. Will Council Members please consider the following regarding beaches:

- (1) At the start of the proposal you mention "Face coverings do not need to be worn...When exercising or engaging in physical activity" yet under "Beaches" you say "(5) Mask guidelines should be followed..". Please confirm masks are not required while on the beach
- (2) Please extend exercise hours to weekends. These are very limited hours and should not greatly encourage tourism



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Subject *

Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open the beaches at least to limited availability. Having gone through the closure process, I believe the citizens have learned the value of social distance and will practice it should you open the beaches.



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Subject *

Draft recovery

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

1. Can retail businesses allow patrons inside establishment in Limited numbers and require masks?
 2. Are businesses allowed to temperature check patrons before entering? Is this advised?
 3. For those businesses reopening that are required to have hand sanitizer stations at entry, where do you propose they get the supplies when they are in short demand and/or not available? Will city provide?
- Thank you



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Subject *

Covid_19 Beach Restrictions

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

As a beach front home owner on the West End since 1992 I am requesting the re-opening of the Galveston beaches. The plan to set aside "exercise time" in the morning and the evening is insufficient and confusing given the Bolivar beaches are open, Surf Side is open and even Jamaica Beach is open. Residents of this city and homeowners of this city should have access to their beaches. Governor Abbott has opened Texas State Parks and Galveston should open up our beaches for normal access.



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Subject *

Beach reopening

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

The time limits are bad enough but keeping the beaches closed on the weekend mean most of us will likely have no time to use the beach and makes this one of the strictest beach reopening guidelines in the Southeast. There's vastly more populated beaches being opened including weekends and some even in it's entirety. Georgia opened 2 weeks ago and has seen no surge. We're at 500+ deaths as a STATE. Perspective and believing in personal responsibility would go a long way for our city.



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Subject *

Opening the beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I support the proposed partial re-opening of Galveston beaches, but ask that the hours of opening be extended to 6-10 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. every day of the week. An extra hour in the morning and evening will allow more exercise time for residents while still discouraging visitors. Furthermore, people should be allowed to sit on the beach. If it is safe to sit inside in bars, it is clearly safer to sit outdoors on the beach. Thanks for keeping us safe.



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Subject *

Reopen Hotels/Rentals/Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

It is time to reopen our economy. The cases have been steadily dropping off and everything should be able to be reopened with appropriate social distancing. Once again considering that I can go to Walmart, Home Depot, and especially the liquor store, there is no true reason not to let everyone else open. It's time to restore the livelihood of your small business owners.



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Subject *

Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please allow walking (no congregating) on the beaches.



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Subject *

City Council Voting for Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open your vote to allow surfing to locals during specified hours. Opening the beaches, for short periods of time, for surfing will aid in our mental and physical well-being. We can implement the same policy as Hawaii, where you are not allowed to sit or congregate.



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Subject *

Social distancing on beach

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

We are full time, beach front residents of Sea Isle. We have been following the "Stay At Home" rules and maintaining the required distancing between people. A house behind us has just rented to 10 people. We are afraid that once the beach opens up, all these rental houses will fill up. Therefore, we suggest the amount of renters in any house be limited to say FOUR !!



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Subject *

Beaches and Golf should be opened today - no mandatory masks

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please vote today on opening the beaches. The purpose of the social distancing was to flatten the curve. Last I heard in your previous meeting there 1200 hospital beds and only 43 of them were occupied. We have over-exaggerated for our area and it is time to get back to business. We hope to see Galveston opening their businesses and getting back to normal soon. Also please only recommend the mask and do not make them mandatory. 95% of people are wearing them wrong anyway!



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Subject *

city plan for reopening

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

The city should open back up restaurants and non essential shops for business for everyone who have their jobs back.



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Subject *

OPEN THE BEACHES AND BUSINESSES

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Many cities and states are already reopening and are able to keep lessened social distancing requirements in place. Our workers have suffered long enough and the island businesses need to recover. If we wait much longer, many will be out of business permanently.

Thank you!



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Subject *

Re Open Galveston

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please allow the reopening of Galveston. There are many, many people out of work. They need their jobs back!!!



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Subject *

golf courses

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open golf courses



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Subject *

April 23 proposed beach access - hours too restrictive

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

The proposed beach hours & complete closure on Saturday/Sunday are way at of hand and way too restrictive!!! Since we can not walk on the beach you now have to walk on streets and cut through other folks homes. With the weather getting warmer, walking / riding a bike in the City is a lot warmer. For the elderly, heat stroke/dehydration is of concern. Since the beach is being patrolled anyway, why can the new rules apply 7 days all hours? Can not walk at 4 u have to wait until 6 & no weekend!??



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Subject *

opening

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

While I fully understand the economic need to get things up and running, it is foolish to do this too soon. Galveston will be inundated with visitors from all over once the beaches and bars open. This is a recipe for disaster. It could very well lead to a second wave and end up costing us even more in the long run. Now is not the time to be pushed into poor decision making, bowing to pressure from business interest groups and conservative talking heads. Follow MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ADVICE!



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Subject *

Opening the Beaches, Return Plan Detail

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

If you can open bars and fishing piers during normal business hours and the weekends, there should be no reason to keep beaches closed during the weekend. This just punishes the locals even more. If everyone is going to be going back to work, and the city is going to start to encourage tourism, you are punishing the locals who will only have the weekend to enjoy the beach, and consolidate all tourists into an 8' wide are on the seawall. You're creating a larger hazard area.



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Subject *

Community input

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

We would love to see the beaches opened according to the draft plan with limited hours. I would encourage leaders to keep short term rentals away until grocery stores are able to maintain a consistent supply of food/cleaning supplies/necessities. I am still seeing a lot of shortages on items and this will only get worse if we allow visitors back. Randall's, Walmart, Target and smaller stores still don't have many staple goods. Open salons and small boutique stores downtown!



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Subject *

Opening Beach

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I have a house on Camino Street on the west end. Would like to be able to at least walk on the beach or visit the beach in our neighborhood, Terramar Beach. We are not as crowded as the beaches in the town of Galveston. As far as I know Crystal Beach is open. We should be able to walk on our beach.

Thank you,
Cheryl Sue-Rabke



City of Galveston

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Subject *

Reopening plan

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

What about city parks? When will they reopen? Can the tennis courts be reopened since you are naturally more than 6 feet apart when playing tennis? Tennis players would likely not touch more than their own tennis racquets and tennis balls, but even if they did, the sun and heat may kill any germs.



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Subject *

Wade / Surf Fishing Allowed?

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Will fishing in the surf be allowed during the morning / evening hours? Or is fishing only allowed from rock piers?



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Subject *

Upcoming Meeting

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I would like to know why the general election has been moved all the way to November. Please lift the restrictions on the beach completely and open Galveston back up for business at full capacity. You are bankrupting business owners and leaving your residents to go hungry. The economic fallout will be worse than after Ike. Business owners are watching and listening to everything you do and we will bring our power to the ballot box—you can delay the election but we will eventually get our say.



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Subject *

Reopening our city to tourists

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

When we reopen our city, can we please make it mandatory that everyone in public MUST WEAR A FACE MASK? We will have no way of knowing how many Covid-19 positive people will be out and about, potentially infecting many of us. My family IS immunocompromised!



City of Galveston

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Subject *

re-opening

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I would like to have the reopening of the churches, restaurants, hotels, retail stores, and small business establishments first.



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Subject *

Beach access

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Thanks to everyone - mayor, city manager, council members and city staff. You are all doing great work during these unprecedented times!

While the beaches being closed are an inconvenience for most, I believe it's an important deterrent to folks from out of town crowding the island and spreading disease.

I hope the council members extend the beach closure & STR ban until the middle of May. By that time the city will have more health data and can evaluate whether to open for Memorial Day.



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Subject *

City plans for reopening.

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I would like for the city to allow restaurants and what you consider non essential businesses to reopen as soon as possible. Galveston restaurants are essential to our economic growth and stability. Many employees live in Galveston and have been unable to work not to mention many of the businesses will likely not recover if this continues. We need Galveston to continue to thrive. It took so long for it to begin flourishing again after Ike. Please don't let it crumble. Reopen Galveston.



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Subject *

Beach Opening

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Open the beaches is the proper choice. Why is that, if you allow people to access the beach only certain times, people will flock all at once, creating the crowds you were so eager to limit. Instead of a relaxed come and go as normally, you will have people rushing to the beaches and it will be more crowded than it would be normally. Lastly - The covid19 numbers do not support the closure or the economic disaster you have created by the lock down.



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Re opening Business & Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

We own the Sandpiper RV Resort at 201 Seawall Blvd. Most of our guests come to enjoy the beach with their family. We need to re open our business. We will do it in a careful, conscientious manner. We will advise each of our (40) check ins the current rules for using the beach. That said, less than a full re-opening may not be enforceable.

Our business will be in dire circumstances if we do not re-open May 1st. We had a total devastation in April with no revenue. Please re-open Galveston.



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Beach Closures

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

We moved to Terramar Beach in January and absolutely loved the access to the beach across the street for walking and just enjoying the beach! Then February/March/April came and beaches have been closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. For goodness sake at the least, OPEN the Beaches to the residents who now know the importance of social distancing!!!! Get those damn barriers off the entrances and put in your city warehouse! Thanks for your understanding.



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Classification of Business Type

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I own a tanning salon. You have us grouped in with hair, nail, massage, etc. due to the "service that requires personal contact and touching." Tanning salons do not include personal touching. The process is check in at a desk, head to a private sanitized room and that is sanitized again after you leave. We do not fall under cosmetology licensing and have strict FDA guidelines to follow. A misunderstanding of a business type shouldn't negatively impact their ability to operate.



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Re-Opening Businesses

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please put forth a plan that reopens businesses ASAP. Would like to stop hearing what we can't do, and start hearing y'all focus on what you're going to do, to help a very fragile business community that is going to be in need of serious assistance to continue in the near future.



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COVID-19 Contact Tracing

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

What are the current means of contact tracing on the island and how successful has that been with current cases? Have we been able to identify clusters and if so, what are the associated sources (void of private details; business, church, family, grocery/retail)? Further, what plans are in place to optimize contact tracing as we begin to re-open the economy?



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Subject *

UTMB Prediction Models

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Does the public have access to current prediction models used by UTMB? If so, where have these been published? If not, could we be given more information on the variables used in these models? Are they using current cases as reported by testing (i.e., insufficient data), test-positivity rate, hospitalizations, or deaths?



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Subject *

Citizens, employees, and employers need to wear masks

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Galveston County judge announced that mandated mask wearing is unconstitutional. Please tell me the city has the power to save lives by mandating that masks be worn in public areas and in all office buildings located in the city. The county judge will cause more covid19 cases and some of those people will die. I equate spreading a virus that kills just as wrong and illegal as shooting someone.



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Subject *

Draft Opening Ordinance

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

First, thanks to Brian and the Council for all of your hard work over the past month - sure makes us miss the "good old days"!

Curbside Retail– We've all been shopping at Target & Walmart and other crowded grocery stores. Opening other retail outlets can easily be done with social distancing guidelines, especially the small shops but even the bigger box stores can handle this too. There won't be lots of folks rushing the doors given the current economy so we need to help retail sector.



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Subject *

Open the Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open the beaches for surfing, exercising, walking and fishing. Limiting the hours during the week would be OK.



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Subject *

Beaches,

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open the beaches for walkers and runners early morning and late afternoons . No lawn chairs, blankets, beach towels , no stopping . Just for exercises. Surfing should be allowed also.



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Subject *

Draft Re-opening Plan

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Non-essential Retail

May "non-essential retail" allow customers inside their establishment IF social distancing can be maintained?

If restaurants and bars may allow customers inside their establishments if social distancing is maintained

should not the same apply to non-essential retail?

Thank you



City of Galveston

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opening of fishing piers

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

It appears that because the fishing piers have been closed, there has been an increased amount of fishing activity on the east end, specifically at the sandy areas off Boddecker road. While Anglers are keeping social distancing, the amount of garbage and soiled toilet paper has made the area a potential health hazard. The park department and beach patrol has done a great job of monitoring the area, but perhaps curtailing fishing in this area would lessen the environmental and health risks.



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Subject *

Evictions

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

What will happen to this who couldn't afford to pay there rent during this time?



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Subject *

Covid 19 restrictions

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open our beaches. Even if it's restricted hours.

Leave restrictions for tourists coming in from

Out of town but let home owners have access as they will be responsible with social distancing.



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Subject *

Sunday church services

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Does the City have any comments on Governor's Abbottt reopening of church services ?



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Subject *

Beach closure

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

What local health authorities recommended closing beaches and will you share the correspondence with those parties?

Thank you



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Subject *

Overnight accommodations (Hotels, STR's Bed and Breakfast)

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please try to ensure that all public accommodations (hotels, STR's, Bed & Breakfast) are treated equitably. Previously, STR's were closed down approximately 1 week prior to hotels and it really is very difficult to social distance in a hotel with elevators. Thank you.



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Subject *

Open the beach

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I would like to see the rentals to open up and the beaches



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Subject *

Reopen Galveston

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please reopen all Galveston restaurants and beaches. Reopen shopping centers. Let's get Galveston back to somewhat normal and get businesses making money.



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Subject *

Beach hours

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I understand the need to keep tourists from flocking in and overrunning our beaches. (and spreading virus) but our kids are needing an outlet. My girls are getting severely depressed . I am disabled so I can't just run or jog on the beach. I need to be somewhat stationary. And yes, we live here year round.



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Subject *

Frequency of re-evaluation

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

For the first 60 days, I would encourage weekly rather than biweekly re-evaluation of orders.



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Subject *

Restrictions

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

It is interesting to note that Jamaica Beach, which has refused to implement restrictions due to the Coronavirus, has the highest infection rate in the County. The City of Galveston has the second lowest. It looks as if what we are doing is working.



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Subject *

re-open beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

It is far safer to be at the beach than it is at Wal mart or grocery store, etc. Makes common sense to just re-open beaches just like state parks and let people police themselves.



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Subject *

Beach home owners and Long Term Renters

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Hello,

Still sending suggestions about reopening beaches with restrictions. It absolutely unfair not to allow tax paying locals, tax paying long term renters and tax paying beach home owners sit and read on the beach or lie down or eat on the beach especially if it's 1-2 people who have been isolating and following the rules or families of no more than 6. Especially during the week! You could request people to show proof of long term living. Absurd.



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Subject *

Masks

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

No masks for Galveston county and open beaches



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Subject *

Keep Galveston Beaches Closed

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please do not yet attempt proposed "phased" reopening Galveston beaches. Day trip crowds already unsafely aggregate on Seawall & messaging that beaches are even partially open will attract many more visitors & make daily closures impossible to enforce. Maintaining social distancing in local essential businesses is already difficult and will become completely unrealistic. Current distancing recommendations for TX extend through June 8: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/texas>



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Beach Home Owners and Long Term Rentals

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

The beach should be open sunrise to sunset at least during the week for people who are living in Galveston more than 30 days. A few hours in the morning? Makes no sense. We run more of a risk spreading the virus by picking up take out food and alcohol from local establishments who are not enforcing the front of house to wear masks and gloves. They need to enforce their patrons not to enter without wearing a mask. If they don't have a mask they should only be curbside.



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Long Term Living-Beach Reopening

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Why can't you reopen the beach with social distancing mandates of no more than 1-6 on beach at a time and have beach patrol require people to show ID and/or show proof of being local with a residence in Galveston or a doc that provides proof of renting 30 days at a time. Please don't deprive those of us who have been adhering to the rules all along of fresh air, vitamin D, and exercise! It makes no sense for people that are long term living. Just impose big fines for violators and get revenue.



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Subject *

Opening beaches in Galveston

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

As a resident of Galveston I agree with opening the beach. This will allow residents a place to walk and relax.
My vote is to open the beaches!



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beach closure

Comments * (?)

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I would like to see beach access controlled simply by restricting parking. If you can walk to the beach, a family of four ought to be able to use the beach at whatever time of the day works for them. It's a LOT safer than a trip to Walmart.



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Tennis and Golf-Social Distance Sports

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Makes no sense not to let people engage in social distancing sports on the island such as Singles Tennis, Golf, Bike Rental, Kayak rental, Stand Up Paddle Board Rental and Boat Rental, Surfing, Fishing, Swimming. We have limited contact with others while we are exercising. If we keep distance and wear masks when we play/pay and rent/return, what is the problem? Academy, Grocery Stores, Target are open? More Covid risk in those environments! No sitting on beach by ourselves? Absurd.



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Beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Wh not leave beaches open. Strict 5 person rule. \$100 per person for violation. Put signs at all entrances. Let lifeguards call police to report violators. Fines could pay for lifeguards



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Subject *

Beach Access

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Can you at least open access for those who wish to enter the water with a watercraft? No loitering on the beach. Just a swift crossing to the ocean with a watercraft. Thanks.



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Homeless in Galveston

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please address the unique needs of the unsheltered population of Galveston during the covid crisis. Social distancing restrictions have curtailed access to social services; drive-through-only food and testing sites preclude access; and there are no provisions for emergency non-aggregate housing if an unsheltered person tests positive. While the GCHD bears responsibility for public health, the City must take responsibility and protect the most vulnerable members of society during the crisis.



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Subject *

Beach

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I really miss being able to walk my dog on beach. My boyfriend misses fishing in kayak in surf. I've seen people walking anyway but we absolutely won't until we are told it's ok. Please open beaches for exercise.



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Subject *

Emergency Non-Aggregate Housing

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please advocate on behalf of our residents experiencing homelessness. Social distancing restrictions have curtailed access to social services; drive-through-only food and testing sites preclude access; and there are no provisions for emergency non-aggregate housing if an unsheltered person tests positive. What happens if someone from that community becomes ill? The City has a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable members of society during times of crisis.



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COVID-19

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

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Subject *

Non-Aggregate Housing for Unsheltered Population

Comments * (?)

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Subject *

Response to Covid-19

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Being a pharmacist working in long term care and a retired Fire Chief of an area 10x the size of Galveston I have insight on when elected officials become too wrapped up in events and lose perspective. If the city continues to suppress the rights of citizens and visitors your infrastructures and finances will suffer greatly. Open the beaches immediately to locals and allow visitors back at a slow pace. Trust your merchants to enforce social distancing and separate the restaurant tables. Open up!



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Mary

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Subject *

Partial opening of Beach for walking only

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Would like to see the partial opening of the Beach for walking 6am to 8 am and 6 pm to 8 pm for exercise, and consideration of the rest of your proposals



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Subject *

Recovery and Re-Opening Guidelines

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

First, I want to commend the city and county of Galveston for the way it has balanced liberty and security during this time. I would only urge the council to give every measure they take time to bear results before taking additional steps. I realize the economic pressures to re-open and welcome people back to work, but I want to remind you of those who will not be returning because of this illness and those of us left behind without them. We will not be returning to "normal".



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Homeless Population

Comments * (?)

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Subject *

West End. Eaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open west end beaches NOW for exercise. Do NOT exclude us (it would probably be illegal anyway).



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Subject *

NON ESSENTIAL RENTALS-SINGLES TENNIS-SWIMMING POOLS PRIVATE ENTITIES

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR HEART HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH, OPEN LOW-RISK RECREATIONAL ENTITIES WITH SOCIAL DISTANCE/MASK MANDATES BY MAY 1ST. OPEN GOLF AND ALL TENNIS COURTS FOR SINGLES TENNIS PLAYING AND PRIVATE LESSONS. ALLOW NON-ESSENTIAL RENTING COMPANIES TO RE-OPEN SUCH AS BOATS, KAYAKS, PADDLE BOARDS, BICYCLES, SURREYS, SURF BOARDS, ROLLER BLADES, GOLF CARTS. ALLOW POOLS TO RE-OPEN, ALLOW PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS, TRY RESERVATIONS FOR PRIVATE ENTITIES FOR POOL USAGE. ALLOW PRIVATE FISHING/BOAT CHARTERS.



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Subject *

Return Planning Detail

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Provide the legal authority to order wearing face masks in public space and/or private businesses.

Restaurant hours of operation should be treated same as bar hours.

Beaches - Provide the legal authority to prohibit "sitting" on the beach. Complete nonsense! I use the beach to meditate at the water's edge. Open the beaches for all at all times or not at all. You cannot ask our first responders to babysit people on the beach.

This Detail is mish-mash at best.



City of Galveston

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Community Pools

Comments * (?)

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Will you be making specific orders regarding the opening of swimming pools? POA's have shut down pools and would like to know when and how we can safely open them again in regards to social distancing and group size. It will be impossible for POA's to monitor.



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Protecting vulnerable residents

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please address the unique needs of the unsheltered population of Galveston during the covid crisis. Social distancing restrictions have curtailed access to social services; drive-through-only food and testing sites preclude access; and there are no provisions for emergency non-aggregate housing if an unsheltered person tests positive. While the GCHD bears responsibility for public health, the City must take responsibility and protect the most vulnerable members of society during the crisis.



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Hair Salons

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Can we please open our salons 'one guest at a time' to serve them? We as hairdressers already follow the safety and sanitation procedures in place for us per TDLR. And we will all continue to do so. Thank you



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Homeless

Comments * (?)

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I'm currently homeless



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Hair Salons

Comments * (?)

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Please let us open hair salons to serve 'one guest at a time' We already practice safety and sanitation rules/guidelines per TDLR to operate. We need to get back to work immediately and serve our Guests. Thank you



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Homeless population

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

During this time of stay at home, we must consider those who have no home. Provisions need to be made for our homeless population. Not just for their own health but the citizens as a whole.



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Housing for those without

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please help the most vulnerable of our community with housing during the COVID-19 crisis. They have nothing to protect them from it, no access to hygiene and are vulnerable to it with multiple health issues. And when they become positive, they are a risk to the public health WITHOUT these basic protections. Thank you.



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Subject *

REOPEN GYMS-PHYSICAL REHAB WITH MASK MANDATES

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

PLEASE RE-OPEN GYMS, NO MORE THAN 5 AT A TIME W/SOCIAL DISTANCING MANDATES, ENCOURAGE GYM RESERVATIONS, ENFORCE DISPOSABLE MASKS, PROMOTE GLOVES IN GYMS, ALLOW PRIVATE GYM TRAINING, ALLOW NON-POST OP PEOPLE TO GET PHYSICAL THERAPY, ENFORCE MASKS AT PT, ENCOURGE GLOVES AT PT, ENFORCE NO CELL PHONE USAGE WHILE IN GYMS OR PT, IDIOTS TOUCH THEIR DIRTY PHONES, CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA , TAKE SELFIES AND THEN TOUCH THE GYM AND PT MACHINES, DANGEROUS & STUPID. TAKE TEMERATURES BEFORE ENTRY AT GYMS AND PT.



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Subject *

Beach closure

Comments * (?)

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I have read the agenda and am perplexed that the city would propose opening bars and restaurants but keeping the beaches closed. I understand the object is to prevent crowds and to limit day trippers from Houston, but with only a few hours 5 days a week, it seems that would increase the number of people at the beach at one time. Plus for those of us that are working during the week, weekends are closed. I would propose 7 day a week access with expanded hours.



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Subject *

Special Meeting April 23

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Regarding Non-Essential retail businesses on the Island and the City of Galveston's plan for re-opening them:

*Any business that relies on the tourist season of approximately 6 months has already lost 30% of this year's seasonal revenues.

*Without the beaches being TOTALLY open, there is no business to open for.

*Offering curbside service for non-essential retail is an absolute joke.

*Why are large retail stores like Target and Walmart open for business as usual on their retail side?



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Private Fishing Charters

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Open Private Fishing Charters for Business:

8 people or less on the boat: limit 6 customers, includes 1 captain and 1 deckhand.

People that fish private charters are usually families, therefore have quarantined together.

Being out on the water and fresh air has many mental, physical and physiological benefits.

ALL Charters in turn support other local businesses: Bait shops, Shrimpers, fuel stations, restaurants, gear and tackle stores, adult beverage sales, hotels, short term stay, etc...



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Unsheltered Population

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please address the needs of the unsheltered population of Galveston during this covid crisis! Social distancing restrictions have limited access to social services; drive-through-only food and testing sites preclude access; and there are no provisions for emergency spaced housing if an unsheltered person tests positive. While GCHD bears responsibility for public health, the City must take responsibility and protect the its vulnerable members of society during the crisis.



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Subject *

Enforcement of stay-at-home AND upcoming openings

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

City still not holding parents accountable w CITATIONS for groups of unsupervised kids on streets. Been observed to run, spitting on car handles, gates, sidewalks. Climb over park barriers. Moms are overwhelmed, not impressing on kids that asymptomatic doesn't mean proven free of virus
On top of that, if Island Transit is still having to run second bus to keep ridership socially distanced to 6' then City TRULY is acknowledging it's badly contagious out there. You're opening too soon to pander.



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Subject *

COVID 19

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please follow Houston's order re: masks for all. Read what the scientific community and the health care community is saying. Your number one responsibility is for the safety and security of your citizens. We are living through a real emergency, please make wise choices. Politics should be off the table.



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City should address our unsheltered population

Comments * (?)

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Needs or unsheltered population and other displaced persons during the COVID crisis

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I am concerned about the needs of the unsheltered population and other displaced persons during this necessary period of social distancing and staying at home. These groups are the most vulnerable and most needy. And any aggregation of individuals that are unable to practice social distancing and are without access to medical attention pose a great risk to themselves--and in the case of a transferable virus cause a great risk to the greater community. This issue is critical to us all.



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Prioritizing Vulnerable Populations

Comments * (?)

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While the non-profit sector hosted myriad meetings coordinating food, housing, and medical care for vulnerable citizens, Council belabored the concerns of country club members unable to golf. I hope that this week, you will center the concerns of the vulnerable. 1 in 4 people were living in poverty and 268 people were unsheltered in Galveston before the crisis. Housing, eviction protection, access to care, supporting GCHD initiatives: these are moral imperatives for Council. Please do better.



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Subject *

Beach access

Comments * (?)

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Regarding "no sitting on the beach". That is discriminatory against seniors who wish to sit and enjoy the beach for mental health and cannot physically spend time just for exercising purposes.



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Please open the beaches

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please open the beaches. I am a mother homeschooling my 8 & 11 year old children and we need the activity and emotional release that the beaches and ocean provide. My family together at the beach is more than able to socially distance from other people at the beach. Please aid our physical and emotional health by giving us the beaches back



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Masks, Beaches, Restaurants, Golf Courses, Non-Essential Businesses & Overhead Relief Grant Fund

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Masks by choice when outside! Beaches open for exercise, fishing & surfing only from 6am to 9am, Monday thru Sunday & Monday thru Friday 6pm to 8pm no mask required. Golf Courses open with carts. Restaurants include outside dining & relax the outside LDR's. Open Non-Essential Businesses with mask requirements & limited occupancy. Created an Overhead Relief Grant Fund, \$5,000 to \$10,000 grants to assist small Biz from the General Fund replace with 4B funds, no CDBG funds tied to low income.



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Housing for Homeless

Comments * (?)

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Subject *

Non-Aggregated Housing

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please develop a plan for folks in need of Non-Aggregated housing, primarily the unsheltered. I want to encourage the City to work with the Galveston County Health department, hotels, motels and all the agencies that can provide temporary housing.

MOUs with hotels and motels, to provide non-aggregated housing, would also have the benefit of providing jobs for people currently not working and bring revenue back into the city of Galveston. We absolutely must be prepared for the next pandemic.



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Beaches

Comments * (?)

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Why don't you raise the price of parking and extend the hours for parking to make up for lost revenues. This can also deter the mob factor



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COVID-19 and Our Homeless

Comments * (?)

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Homeless

Comments * (?)

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Please do everything possible to help the homeless



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Beach restrictions/citations

Comments * (?)

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We live in Pirate's Beach West, next to the beach. We've watched for weeks as hundreds of people have blatantly disregarded the beach closure restriction. Please start writing citations 100% of the time you see valuations. It is the *only* way there will be adherence if we discourage it with actual consequences. It could also help make up the Park Board's budget shortfall, as they are out there asking people to leave. If you're going to have rules, please enforce them in a way that will work.



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Council meeting

Comments * (?)

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I hope that the council will discuss at today's meeting the needs of our homeless population during the covid crisis. How can our most vulnerable get the help they need when access is limited because of social distancing? What happens if one of our homeless tests positive? Do we have any emergency shelter available? Please please please take responsibility and protect the most vulnerable members of society during the crisis.

Thank you for your continued work for our city.



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Overhead Relief Grant Fund

Comments * (?)

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The city should establish a grant program for small businesses without using CDBG funds; CDBG funds are tied to low to middle income requirements. The city could use General Fund money and create an Overhead Relief Fund. The City could transfer funds from a 4B silo, Economic Development or Infrastructure, to replace the monies used from General Fund. A grant of \$5,000 to \$10,000 grants to assist small mom and pop businesses could keep these folks in business in these unusual times.



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Closed beach

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Open the beach without mandates. Constitutional restrictions will be met with constitutionality challenges. You have sworn obligations to apply the Bill of Rights to all that you do.