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Subject *
No Drains/Gutters on M 1/2

Comments * (?)
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Pls consider drainage for 3105 M 1/2, et al.
Everyone is trapped with a light rain. Very frightening.

Thanks

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Subject *
West End Beachside Neighborhoods

Comments * (?)

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We need to do something to protect our beachside neighborhoods. The west end neighborhoods are being inundated by beach visitors parking everywhere on the both sides of streets, in front of driveways, and blocking street and beach access. This is more than a nuisance, it is a safety issue! This past weekend on Saturday it would have been impossible for a fire truck to access most neighborhood. Trash is left everywhere on the beach and in the neighborhoods. We need to protect our homeowner!

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Subject *
Peaceful March for Black Lives Matter Movement

Comments * (?)

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Good Afternoon, I would like to propose a plan to Support the Black Lives Matter Movement. I encourage the City of Galveston to take the time and show the country how great the community of Galveston is. Just like we have a Parade for Mardi Gras, the same way we made a Parade for our Seniors of Ball High School, I am encouraging a March for the Black Lives Matter Movement where city officials, police, firefighters, and the community of Galveston come together to march to fight racism in our cit

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Subject *
Systemic oppression

Comments * (?)

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In the wake of George Floyd (not to mention the countless other deaths, some even more recent), I think a great first step for Galveston to move in the right direction would be to get rid of the confederate statue in front of the courthouse, Dignified Resignation. We need to stop glorifying the defeated, and honor the fallen.

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Subject *
Ending police brutality and promoting racial justice

Comments * (?)

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Mayor Yarbrough,
First, I would like to thank you for your public statement and for accepting public comments on this subject. I would like to endorse the solutions identified by Campaign Zero, which include but are not limited to: banning chokeholds, requiring de-escalation, requiring warning before shooting, a duty to intervene, and requiring all force to be reported. I also encourage you to make the police policies/manual publicly available so this is transparent. Thank you for your time!

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Subject *
Police reform

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Thank you Chief Hale and all of the police officers that serve and support our community of Galveston. I am very thankful. However, I still think we could continue to better reform even our own police force. Last year, I was going to work when I saw an unarmed black man probably In his late 30's be ambushed by 12 cops. That was extremely excessive and unnecessary. I have seen other instances and am now committed to making sure I speak up and figure out how to help bring about change.

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Subject *
Suggested action to curb police violence

Comments * (?)
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One step the city could take is to sign the Mayor pledge and commit to the following actions:

1. REVIEW your police use of force policies.
2. ENGAGE your communities by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in your review.
3. REPORT the findings of your review to your community and seek feedback.
4. REFORM your community's police use of force policies.

This would be a good first step. You can find more here https://www.obama.org/mayor-pledge/

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Subject *
Systemic changes in response to national

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

Hello,

I appreciated the comments made by the mayor in response to George Floyd's murder. He acknowledged the systemic racism within our institutions and so I am asking our leadership to address the 10 demands made by NAACP:

https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.waff.com/2020/06/04/naacp-demands-all-police-departments/%3foutputType=amp

Thank you,
Megan

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Subject *
RE: Changes to Police Policies to Reduce Police Violence

Comments * (?)

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Please look into application of more of the 8 Can't Wait policies (https://8cantwait.org/). Small adjustments current policies, including implementation of these policies can have a big impact on our community.

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Subject *
8 can't wait

Comments * (?)
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Please enact the 8 city policies. The police can't continue to brutalize people.

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Subject *
Police Violence

Comments * (?)

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Please enact the 8 city policies at 8cantwait.org. Data proves that together these eight policies can decrease police violence by 72%. President Obama created a task force after the Ferguson riots in 2015. Look at the findings here https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf, and please enact the recommendations.

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Subject *
Juneteenth

Comments * (?)

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Hello my name is Amber James I am a resident of Galveston county doing this trying timeI think we should celebrate Juneteenth as we celebrate the Fourth of July. I know it's right around the corner but I believe if we put forth the effort we can pull off something that will go down in history. I'm currently a employee GISD, a site coordinator for the ACE after school please, help me set the correct tone of what is happening in the world. As a positive learning experience.

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Subject *
Ideas for Galveston

Comments * (?)
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Adequate Porta Potties for health reasons
/sanitary reasons.
Professional beach cleaning beginning at midnight, daily, to prevent tide issues and health risks
Electronic toll for tourists to get on island to pay for cleaning, etc. Residents and property owners exempt.
Proper professional crowd control.
Enforce littering laws.
Large events need entrance fees. Events goers need admittance fees.
Galveston Island is a tourist attraction. People need to be charged for coming here and using the res

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Subject *
Communication between myself and City Mgr

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I was extremely disappointed, disillusioned, offended and angry due to my communication with Mr. Maxwell regarding the weekend of June 6th. I have saved them and would be happy to share them with you.. I still can't believe he referred to concerned citizens as COMPLAINERS.

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Subject *
Improvements

Comments * (?)

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Galveston would be improved if mental health professionals and social workers were on staff to accompany police responding to crises that could benefit from specialized knowledge. These professionals could deescalate situations that may not necessarily warrant the use of force, connect people with services they need, and provide follow-up care and check-ins to reduce future occurrences.

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Subject *
Narcotics officers

Comments * (?)

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I am a former prosecutor for Galveston County, and a resident of the island. As a prosecutor I saw that GPD narcotics officers committed civil and constitutional rights abuses regularly. Unfortunately, GPD did little to correct this. It was up to prosecutors to dismiss these cases. This isn't an acceptable solution - once someone is abused, arrested, and placed into the system the damage is done. I ask that the city government work closely with the DAO and GPD to monitor and correct the problem.

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Subject *
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Comments * (?)

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We have got to get control over the thieves. My car has been hit and just about every residents car has been burglarized at some point.

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Subject *
To serve and protect

Comments * (?)

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These words to serve and protect should be the mentality of police officers. I've had two encounters with Galveston police. One was for a tail light being out. The officer was exactly what he is supposed to be. I shook his hand before driving off. The second encounter was at the Ball High graduation. This encounter was disrespectful and demeaning. I wasn't directed by the officer as to where to go but told I had 2 choices forcefully. In essence go sit down or leave. Serve, protect.

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Subject *
economic help

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I was wondering if the city of Galveston has any type of economic aid for those affected by the COVID-19 since the island is basically sustainable by tourism and the vast majority of the population works in restaurants and hotels which closed or were very affected by the covid-19, I would like to know if there is any entity that helps us financially

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Subject *
COVID CONCERNS

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

What TF is wrong with y'all. I just saw there is a WHOLE BEACH PARTY scheduled for 7/25. My mom still lives there and I am legitimately concerned for her health and safety because you all aren't doing your job - you know protecting the citizens??? Y'all disgust me. Do your damn jobs

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Subject *
Enhancing Social & Racial Capital

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

I have a proposal that I'd like to present. It includes suggestions that can better relationship among all ethnic groups here in Galveston. I must say that I am overall satisfied with the work of Galveston P.D. My concern is the implicit biases in our city and the city's plan to increase racial and social capital among the citizens of Galveston. The proposal is a 5 page document that identifies the problems and offer suggestions. I can be reached at 409.457.1520.

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Subject *
Systematic Racism

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

A doctor once told me that racial profiling affects everybody of color; however this is not a reason to destroy buildings in our community.
Many people who have renal disease are often discriminated against because they are mentally impaired or senior citizens who are being denied the opportunity to get a kidney transplant. This causes them to feel hopeless,and hopeless is the enemy of justice.
It is time to change raciest policies and resist policy makers.
COREY IRVING TEXAS CITY,TX.

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Subject *
Enhancing Racial Equality & Social Capital in Our Community

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

The attached document if for the city's review. Please contact me if there are any question.

https://www.keepandshare.com/doc21/111877/city-of-galveston-proposal-pdf-144k?da=y

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Subject *
Face masks

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please push for a Galveston County order requiring masks be worn in businesses as per the mandate just enacted in Harris County and others. It's too bad that common sense and common courtesy have to be forced on people but with the continuing rise in virus cases apparently it does.
Thank you

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Subject *
Item 10, use of masks

Comments * (?)

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I find it unconscionciable that the city council has encouraged but not ordered under penalty of a fine in Agenda Item No.10 the wearing of masks in all public areas when there is an increase in the number of COVID 19 cases and visitors are arriving on the Island in great numbers. Since the governor has given permission for city governments to rule on this issue themselves, I would hope you would reconsider this part of your Emergency resoluntions.

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Subject *
Galveston Naval Museum

Comments * (?)

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Please distribute the attached email at the city Council meeting on June 25, 2020. A summary of the email follows:The Park Board (PB) is in violation of the Donation agreement for the ships at the Galveston Naval Museum. The Cavalla Historical Foundation (CHF) plans to request the Secretary of the Navy remove the PB from the contract for lack of performance and for preventing CHF from performing its responsibility. CHF is ready to fulfill its mission alone. Request CITY, PB, CHF Meeting ASAP.

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Subject *
Masks

Comments * (?)

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Thank you Mayor for taking action as soon as the Governor allowed or should I say realized he made a big mistake taking control away from counties and municipalities. Requiring masks in businesses was a good call. City Council please keep that order in place as long as possible. It's a shame that the burden of enforcement and possible penalties fall on business owners rather than irresponsible individuals, but expecting the general population to act responsibly has been a giant bust so far.

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Subject *
Executive Order - Masks

Comments * (?)

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It is absolutely inexcusable that the Mayor, acting outside of his constitutional powers has chosen to issue a surprise executive order that, in essence turns every business person & worse than that, every employee of every business person into the City Marshal, under threat of a significant fine to the business, to enforce the public health policy of the City of Galveston.

I call on City Council to do the right thing & reverse the Executive Order of Mayor Yarbrough & issue a proper mask order.

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Subject *
Face Masks

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

Please extend the order requiring the wearing of face masks. As a person in the high risk group, I wear a mask, but if others do not then I am not protected. Help slow the spread of COVID-19 and require all everyone to wear a face mask.

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Subject *
Support for Wearing Masks in Public

Comments * (?)
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I fully support wearing of masks in public settings and also taking the steps necessary to enforce the order. Please extend this as long as necessary.

Thanks to the leaders of the City of Galveston for protecting its older residents.

Jeff Starling
June 24, 2020

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Subject *
City Face Mask Requirements - Resident and Business Owner in Opposition

Comments * (?)
500 character maximum

I am opposed to the Mayor's Order mandating masks within commercial entities in the city.

Due to the character limit imposed by this form, I will submit the reasoning behind my opposition to the City Council members by email.

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Subject *
Lack of public records

Comments * (?)

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I'm curious how there is no correspondence in the public record of any communication between any health officials and the City leadership. The orders have cited statistics and recommendations but provide no link to the data being interpreted or health experts responsible for interpretation and recommendations.

My public records request response:

The City has reviewed its files and has determined there are no responsive documents to your request.

*All communications have been verbal only.

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Subject *
REQUIRING MASKING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Comments * (?)

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According to public health experts, masking and social distancing are effective tools against the coronavirus.
I commend the Mayor's recent executive order requiring masking and social distancing while this outbreak is continuing.
I would strongly urge the Council to do whatever is necessary to mandate these precautions be required as long as necessary. We need these protections for everyone's health and safety.
Thank You

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Subject *
MANDATORY MASK ORDER

Comments * (?)

500 character maximum

[THANK Y'ALL for everything you do, your time, sanity, etc.] I STRONGLY encourage the continuation of the Mayor's order for businesses to REQUIRE face masks for employees and customers. As a business owner I have NO PROBLEMS telling potential customers they cant come in w/o masks. With 17 COVID cases in Strand employees last week, it's obvious Strand comes face to face with TONS of tourists. I rather REQUIRE MASKS than CLOSE, I cant afford to close. 2 days in, its going fine, let's continue it!