

From: Robin Martin <ramartincpa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:51 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Support Healthcare Resolution

Please sign the healthcare resolution shown below so our state Senate and House can get laws passed to protect Arkansas citizens from vaccine mandates.

Thank you, Steve and Robin Martin, Jonesboro
505 Lamb Lane, Jonesboro

From: deltondunn <deltondunn@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 9:59 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates

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Delton Dunn
4609 Rockport Dr
Jonesboro AR 72404

From: Christy Thompson-Dunn <cdunn0507@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 12:35 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates

Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates

Christy Dunn
4609 Rockport Dr, Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: paul vellozo <vellozo.p@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Vaccine mandates. Mask mandates.

Dear Aldermen , mayor Copenhaver, city clerk.

I hear that there is a misguided resolution being proposed to limit vaccine mandates including those that apply to healthcare professionals under the guise of “freedom“.

There is a long history of public health mandates to ensure the well-being of the public. This has more to do with the health and safety of the population rather than the notion of individual freedoms and liberties. One does not have the freedom or liberty to knowingly harm other people when health experts have advised certain evidence-based and common sense measures.

To be clear I am a physician, I work every single day in the front lines of healthcare. We are seeing a lot of desperately ill people that would not have been ill or hospitalized or die if they had just taken the vaccine. To encourage people to do otherwise is irresponsible and is not something that should be endorsed by the city administration.

I urge the City Council to resoundingly reject any such misguided resolutions.

Thank you very much
Paul Vellozo MD
3811 Wolfchase Lane, Jonesboro

From: Kaleb Webb <kaleb.webb72@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 7:01 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Please oppose RES-21-199

Councilmembers,

I am once again writing to you and asking you to oppose another resolution. This time, I am requesting that you oppose the resolution regarding vaccination. In a time when COVID-19 is at its worst, we should be *encouraging* skeptical Arkansans to get their vaccines, not feeding them lies about what is and isn't "freedom." You aren't very free when your life is ended by this virus. These vaccines will enable people to protect themselves and others. This resolution is, once again, nothing but an act to stoke a culture war, and it is dangerous.

I've never seen an elected official so eager to advance the spread of COVID-19. This resolution is shameful; businesses and governments should be allowed to make decisions to protect their people.

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Kaleb Webb
Danner Avenue

From: Kathryn Burns <kdburns999@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 10:21 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Oppose RES-21-199

Dear Council Members and Mayor Copenhaver,

I am writing to respectfully request that you oppose RES-21-199. This is an incredibly dangerous position to take. Please follow the science. We all want this pandemic to end and this will not achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Burns
Park Hill Blvd, Jonesboro, AR

From: Shannon Johnson <shannon.nerys@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 10:44 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Opposing resolution and ordinance.

Please oppose the pro-life resolution and the anti-vaccine ordinance.

Best,
Shannon Johnson
1203 University Loop East Bldg #3

From: Whitney Williams <rwwilliams1953@live.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 8:14 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolutions

Date: September 17, 2021
To: Members of the Jonesboro City Council
From: Whitney Williams

RE: Resolution Supporting Freedom From Health Care Mandates.

FIRST: Thank you for your service to the citizens of Jonesboro.

I strongly support the “Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates.”

I strongly and firmly believe that ALL competent adult individuals have the right to control their own healthcare decisions. Under NO circumstances should ANYONE be mandated to make healthcare choices required by their employer, government, or any other authority other than themselves.

I also strongly and firmly believe that ALL members of the Jonesboro City Council stand tall and strong to advise and request that the Arkansas elected state Senate and House Members elected pass legislation that DIRECTS employers in Arkansas, healthcare authorities and officials, and all other persons holding authority over Arkansas residents and citizens to:

- (A) ALLOW ALL competent and responsible Arkansas adults make their own decisions regarding the Covid-19 vaccine injection.
- (B) MAKE IT ILLEGAL for any state or local government (in Arkansas) to require proof of the Covid-19 vaccination as a condition for or to keep employment.
- (C) MAKE IT ILLEGAL for any state or local government (in Arkansas) to require Covid-19 vaccination as a condition to receive public service.
- (D) MAKE IT ILLEGAL to make it illegal for state or local government (in Arkansas) to discriminate against people based on a Covid-19 vaccine status.
- (E) MAKE IT ILLEGAL for employers (in Arkansas) to disclose or cause to make known the Covid-19 vaccine status of employees. Employee privacy MUST BE maintained.

(F) MAKE IT ILLEGAL for employers to discriminate (favor or against) or treat employees differently because of COVID19 vaccinated status.

(G) MAKE IT ILLEGAL for private and government employers to fine, increase healthcare premiums, or otherwise causing a negative financial effect on employees or those receiving government services based on their COVID19 vaccinated status.

I firmly and strongly recommend that the Jonesboro City Council endorse, recommend, and urge the General Assembly to pass legislation enacting the six declarations presented in the above list. These are from the "Resolution" that has been previously presented.

I also RECOMMEND AND URGE the Jonesboro City Council endorse and pass the City Council Member Bobby Long's "pro-life" resolution.

Whitney Williams
1706 High Ridge Lane, Jonesboro 72404

From: Steven Summers <steven.m.summers@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 9:24 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Against RES-21:199

I'm writing in this morning to voice my opposition to RES-21:199, Mr. Bobby Long's proposed resolution regarding healthcare freedom. This anti-vaccination quackery is dangerous for Jonesboro. The coronavirus vaccines are safe and effective and therefore the best way to protect yourself against COVID-19. As it is, Arkansas is a right to work state, something Republicans such as Mr. Long have long been in support of, so if a private employer wants to make vaccination a requirement, I'm not sure there's much this resolution can do against it. I know Mr. Long is just trying to virtue signal ahead of the 2022 elections (where he will again be a runner-up in the Republican primary of some state office), but I would expect some consistency. After all, how can you propose a resolution declaring our city "pro-life" when unvaccinated mothers are experiencing higher rates of fetal death (see what's happening in Mississippi: <https://www.mississippifreepress.org/15715/in-mississippi-fetal-deaths-double-among-unvaccinated-pregnant-women-with-covid-19/>)?

Steven Summers
Beaver Run Ln
Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: DeShawna DeFord <deshawna.doke@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 9:53 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Support for Healthcare Freedom Resolution RES-21-199

My name is DeShawna DeFord and I live at 3516 Beacon St. Jonesboro, AR 72404.

I'm writing you today to express my support for the Healthcare Freedom Resolution RES-21-199. On September 9, 2021, President Biden announced that all employers with 100+ employees

must mandate that all employees receive the Covid-19 vaccine. Those choosing not to receive the vaccine must provide a weekly negative Covid-19 test. Furthermore, if you are a healthcare employer, ALL employees must be vaccinated in order to continue to receive federal Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement dollars.

This mandate is unconstitutional and violates the rights of individuals. I am a responsible, competent adult. I take care of myself, eat healthy, and exercise. I should be given the choice and the freedom to make my own healthcare decisions. I'm not against vaccines at all. I get my flu vaccine every year and have had many other vaccines. But I researched those vaccines on my own. I weighed the benefits and risks. I talked to my own healthcare professional about those vaccines and decided that they were right for my health. No one decided that for me. And certainly the government didn't decide that for me either. Vaccine mandates should never be a condition of employment! Heart disease and stroke cost America nearly \$1 billion a day in medical costs and lost productivity. Where are the mandates for exercise? Where are the mandates to eat healthy? Where are the mandates to quit smoking? Exposure to secondhand smoke causes an estimated 41,000 deaths each year among adults in the United States: Secondhand smoke causes 7,333 annual deaths from lung cancer. Secondhand smoke causes 33,951 annual deaths from heart disease. But yet, no government mandates on this. See where I'm going?!

I work in Human Resources. Trust me when I say, finding employees who want to work – well it's almost impossible. The strain and stress it has put on our existing workforce coupled with the stressors of everyday life means our staff as well as myself are exhausted. Our mental health has suffered. And now, this Administration wants to make matters worse by mandating a vaccine. This will pinned the employer against the employee. We will have employees leave because either they can work for an employer with less than 100 employees or they will decide that they can open their own business or that they will just stay at home. These mandates will put a strain on an already tired workforce just trying to get back to surviving after being shut down.

Data released on 9/14 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed that between Dec. 14, 2020 and Sept. 3, 2021, a total of 675,593 adverse events following COVID vaccines were reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). The data included a total of 14,506 reports of deaths — an increase of 595 over the previous week. There were 88,171 reports of serious injuries, including the reports of deaths, during the same time period — up 2,200 compared with the previous week. Excluding “foreign reports” filed in VAERS, 539,473 adverse events, including 6,577 deaths and 41,840 serious injuries, were reported in the U.S. between Dec. 14, 2020 and Sept. 3, 2021. Of the 6,577 U.S. deaths reported as of Sept. 3, 12% occurred within 24 hours of vaccination, 18% occurred within 48 hours of vaccination and 31% occurred in people who experienced an onset of symptoms within 48 hours of being vaccinated.

I include the above to say this – people should be given all the information and statistics and they should be given the right to decide if they want to take a vaccine or not. This should be their choice and only their choice. Not the choice of their employer or any type of government entity. Ever!

I leave you with this. I have a friend who took the vaccine without having all the data, the potential side effects, etc. She did what she thought was right and a little bit of peer pressure. She now has tremors and unbelievable pain in her arms and legs due to the adverse reactions to the vaccine. And she has spent 1000's of dollars trying to figure out what to do and how to manage her pain. She told me she wished she would have waited and analyzed all the information and data before she took it. She made that decision, though, for herself. That was her healthcare right and freedom of choice. She regrets that decision, but she was allowed to make it. These mandates will strip that freedom away from someone like me. It tells me that I can't make informed decisions about my health and that I am incapable of deciding what is right for me.

I ask you as representatives of our city that you vote in support of RES-21-199 that shows you and the City of Jonesboro support our elected state Senate and House members to pass legislation that would make vaccine mandates illegal.

Thank you for your time. I hope I see this Resolution pass next Tuesday.

DeShawna DeFord Psalm 143:10

From: GARY VANDERBILT <glvanderbilt@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Please support the Resolution regarding Vaccine Mandates.

Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates

Thank you,
Gary & Pat Vanderbilt
1805 Westwood Drive
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Pauletta Folden <paulettafolden@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: SUPPORT HEALTH CARE FREEDOM

WE DO NOT WANT BIG GOVERNMENT , We are Adults and Will make our own Decisions about our own body and our Children's bodies

People should not be forced under the threat of losing their jobs ! THIS IS UNAMERICAN !!!!

PAULETTA FOLDEN
2407 Twin Oaks Jonesboro, 72401

From: Dean MacDonald <deanmacjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 10:57 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: In Regards to Resolutions on 9/21/21

To whom it may concern,

I ask that all city aldermen OPPOSE the two proposals before the city council regarding a pro-life resolution as well as an anti-vaccine proclamation. The city council does not have actual authority regarding these subjects to do anything of actual substance. This is nothing more than a toothless virtue signal that causes division in an excellent city. Furthermore, it requires council members to draw a line in the sand as to where they stand on controversial issues wherein they have no real authority. I genuinely do not care where any council member stands on abortion. If anyone would like to legislate based on this issue, they should consider running for state representative or senate. Lastly, it is a true shame that anyone on the council should want to pass ordinances that would further dissuade our citizens from protecting themselves and their family from this deadly virus. We have a safe and effective vaccine that is FREE, and if any member of this body were truly pro-life, they should be advocating EVERY SINGLE DAY for their constituents to get vaccinated.

Sincerely,
Dean MacDonald
5555 Macedonia Rd

From: Christina Smith <christina.momo.smith@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolutions for September 21st

To whom it may concern,

I implore all city councilmen and councilwomen to strike down RES-21:167 regarding the pro-life city ordinance and RES-21:199 regarding vaccine mandates. The city council has no authority or power regarding either subject. If the council does pass these resolutions, we will see a terrible divide in this great city.

I, nor any other citizen of Jonesboro, wish to see a culture war spark. I could care less as to who on our council identifies as pro-choice or pro-life. No council member has any authority to induce any change regarding the issue of abortion. If they want said authority, I suggest running for a seat in the legislature next year.

Regarding vaccines, it is one of the many duties of the city council to ensure the safety of our city. This means that the city council should absolutely not sway the citizens of Jonesboro from receiving a FREE vaccine that will help not only them, but their families and our community. Again, I plead that the council makes the right decision and strike down these two resolutions.

Christina Smith

216 Whitaker St.

Bldg. 1, #1205
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 12:44 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Public comment regarding proposed "healthcare freedom of choice" resolution

Members of the city council,

I am asking you to vote no on the "Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates" sponsored by Bobby Long.

From reading through the resolution, it appears to have no measurable effect whatsoever on city policy or actions; rather it encourages our state representatives to pass specific Arkansas State legislation. So, much like the "pro-life city" resolution, it is more political theater than reasonable policy within city jurisdiction. It is primarily for this reason that I am asking you to vote no.

Beyond that, I do not understand why people are against sensible public health policy measures. The United States has well established laws and practices regarding vaccinations for a host of illnesses—I see no reason why the COVID-19 vaccine should be treated differently. I, for one, would love to be free to send my children to school without worrying about COVID; I would love to be free to take my children to Hijinx or the movies or a restaurant; I have no interest in being free to spread a deadly disease to others.

Finally, please correct the glaring subject-verb agreement error in the first sentence of the resolution ("the City of Jonesboro believe and affirm")—embarrassing political ideas are bad enough without embarrassing grammar.

Sincerely,
Valerie Carroll
Cypress Springs Road, Jonesboro, AR

From: Hayden Jackson <hayden.jackson.music@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 12:58 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolutions on Tuesday

Councilmembers,

Please vote against the resolution regarding abortion and the anti-vaccine proclamation.

My address is 1115 University loop east building #2.

- Hayden Jackson

From: Cadence Rutherford <cadence.rutherfo@smail.astate.edu>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Anti-Vaccine Proclamation

To whom it may concern,

I ask that all city aldermen OPPOSE the two proposals before the city council regarding a pro-life resolution and and anti-vaccine proclamation.

I have worked in an urgent care clinic since February. I got my vaccines in January. For the city to enforce hospitals in town to somewhat *revoke* the vaccine mandate is completely and utterly irresponsible on the city's behalf. I have to work with people that don't agree with true medical research right now. I work with people that are not as educated as I am. I have to work with people that even give patients "medical advice" because of their political standpoint, and that should terrify you. I have worked with a nurse that willingly, knowingly, goes into covid-positive patient rooms without a mask on, without any care. Regardless of whether you want to wear a mask or not, that nurse then put myself in danger. It isn't fair if I catch Covid-19 and have to deal with quarantine and an illness when *I* was the one being responsible the whole time. If I'm getting my vaccine and wearing an N95 my entire shift, then it is *NOT* fair to let people that are politically emotional cloud their judgement and infect the ones that are doing their part. It is *not* fair anymore.

And I may once remind you that no one's medical freedom has been taken away. It is still a choice to work in an environment that wants *their* employees to hold a certain standard. It should be *my* freedom to work in a safe environment, too.

Sincerely,

Cadence Rutherford
2814 Stallings Ln, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

From: Chenoa Summers <chenoasummers314@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Oppose Res 21-199

Hello,

Please oppose Resolution 21-199, as, like the other resolution proposed by Mr. Bobby Long, it is severely divisive. In fact, I believe both resolutions are contradictory of one another. As a woman, I cannot say "my body, my choice," but as an anti-vaxxer or republican or white man, I can, according to both of these resolutions. I find it odd that he attended the Stop the Mandate

Rally on August 28, where he was filmed on camera saying he hasn't had the vaccine and he's an individual and it's his choice and it's everybody's choice. When I say that it's my body and my choice, he mansplains me. This resolution is nothing but virtue signaling towards Mr. Long's base.

I urge you not to consider this divisive resolution and kill it in the committee.

Thanks,
Chenoa Summers
Beaver Run Lane, Jonesboro

From: Brianna Jordan <brianna.jordan610@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 7:35 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: In Regards to Resolutions on 9/21/21

To whom it may concern,

I ask that all city aldermen to OPPOSE the two proposals before the city council regarding a pro-life resolution as well as an anti-vaccination proclamation. Both of the resolutions are incorrect representation of how all the people of Jonesboro feel. I find it appalling that after all of the lives have been lost in the fight against Covid-19, such resolutions would discourage individuals protecting themselves and encouraging the spread of misinformation. Understand that you are representing ALL of the citizens of Jonesboro.

Sincerely,

Brianna Jordan
2515 Danner Ave Bldg #2
State University, AR 72401

From: Shiela Binkley <shiela.binkley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 7:42 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution to stop the mandate

My name is Shiela Binkley and I am sending this email regarding this resolution. I am a respiratory therapist in Jonesboro, AR and I support this resolution. I believe in Healthcare freedom and choice regarding the vaccine mandates. I was born with a congenital heart defect and I do not feel comfortable taking this vaccine at this time. Please help to stop the mandate. I could lose my job due to this mandate.

Shiela Binkley
7386 HWY 351
Jonesboro, AR

From: Michael Binkley <binkley679@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 8:01 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution to stop the mandate

My name is Michael Binkley and I support this resolution to stop the mandate. My wife works in healthcare and we do not feel comfortable with her taking the vaccine at this time. It's a new vaccine and we are not sure of all the side effects. She was born with a congenital heart defect and we don't feel comfortable with her taking this vaccine yet but now she could lose her job if she does not take it. She has worked in healthcare for 28 years and this is so sad that she even has to be faced with this. Please help to stop the mandate.

Michael Binkley
7386 HWY 351
Jonesboro, AR

From: Cindy Wright <wrightcindy94@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 5:19 PM
To: Aldermen
Subject: Healthcare Freedom

Jonesboro City Council,

Please consider supporting the below resolution.
Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates

Thank you,

Cynthia Wright,
Jonesboro Voter
4607 Oak Park Dr.
Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: Lisa Melton <ldmelton47@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 & RES-21:199

Dear Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

Please oppose the two resolutions to come before you during this week's council meeting:

RES-21:167 titled "A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE CITY OF JONESBORO A PRO LIFE CITY." is divisive and its passage would provide no value to the City of Jonesboro. The right of a woman to choose to terminate a pregnancy in this US remains Constitutionally-held. This resolution would have no impact on that right and is designed only to cast aspersions on and ostracize the residents of Jonesboro who are experiencing severe stress as they consider the free exercise of this right.

RES-21:199 titled "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM..." requests the Arkansas State Legislature to ban vaccine mandates for local governments and private businesses. This is not in the best interest of city governance and those they govern since it removes authority from the City of Jonesboro in determining what public health measures are required at the local level. Jonesboro officials and private businesses are in the best position to decide what steps are needed to prevent the continued rise of coronavirus infections, locally.

Respectfully,
Lisa Melton
605 W College Ave
Jonesboro, AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Eric Skaug <eskaug@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 2:57 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Upcoming resolutions

Dear Mayor Copenhaver and Jonesboro City Council,

I understand that there are two resolutions to be considered at the upcoming Council meeting on September 21 that I would like to voice my objection to:

* RES-21:167 A resolution to declare the city of Jonesboro a pro life city — This is transparent political pandering, and I think we can do better with our city's time and resources. There's so much good to be done in Jonesboro, and we shouldn't be wasting time stoking partisan fires where the city has no authority anyway.

* RES-21:199 A resolution supporting healthcare freedom — The city should be doing what it can to encourage everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated. The science is clear. Vaccination against Covid-19 is safe and effective. People are dying, and some of them might have made better choices and lived if not for misinformation campaigns like the one this resolution supports.

Please do the right thing — we're all rooting for you!

Thanks,
Eric Skaug
1702 Roleson Ln
Jonesboro AR 72404

From: Pam Hyneman <pnhyneman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:59 PM
To: alderman@jonesboro.org
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: resolutions

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my concern and opposition to these two proposed resolutions.

RES-21:167 (A resolution to declare the city of Jonesboro a pro life city)

I believe it is a women's right to make all decisions concerning her body and this resolution does ABSOLUTELY NOTHING but makes a statement that is totally unnecessary and worthless.

RES 21:199 (A resolution supporting healthcare freedom)

I am 100 PERCENT in favor of protecting all individuals and working toward ending this pandemic by getting vaccinated and wearing masks as mandated. VACCINES AND WEARING MASKS SAVES LIVES!

Pam Hyneman
1003 East Lakeshore
Jonesboro, Arkansas

From: Fatma Ali <alamoody2014@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 5:50 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Vote NO

Hello,

Please vote NO to

1- RES-21:167 titled "A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE CITY OF JONESBORO A PRO LIFE CITY."

2- "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM "

Thank you,
Fatma,
Sheffield Drive

From: Makenna McGowen <makenna.mcgowen@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 5:59 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167,199

To Whom It May Concern,

I am emailing regarding two resolutions that have been brought to my attention: RES-21:167 and RES-21:199.

In order, RES-21:167 appears to be nothing more than an invasion of privacy and reproductive rights. There is nothing listed to prevent unwanted or knowingly dangerous pregnancies. There is evidence that areas that provide accurate sex education as well as safe and effective contraception reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies(<https://medicine.wustl.edu/news/access-to-free-birth-control-reduces-abortion-rates/>). While this is an older source, it does show the effect of access to birth control. It also shows that we have known this for no less than a decade. Jonesboro could be more "Pro-life" by setting up a city-funded resource center to provide these services at no cost. The city could also meet with the school boards to encourage providing sex education there as well.

This resolution, despite stating on page 1, lines 25-27 "That the policy of the municipality is to promote and protect the dignity and humanity of all persons at all stages of life from conception until natural death;" lists no measures to aid in those that are not currently fetuses. Children in foster care, homeless individuals and families, un- and underemployed individuals, and the like are all left out of this resolution. IF we are going to be Pro-life as defined in the resolution then we MUST aid in life after birth. To not do so would be counterintuitive at best. This resolution also states on page 2 lines 29-30 " Encouraging local places of worship to promote the sanctity of human life;" would this not be bordering on the infringement of the separation of church and state? Would you not be against doing such encouragement with religious organisations if the matter being discussed went against your political opinions? Either the government is separate from religion and worship or it is not. There is no middle ground.

There are many other things I could say in regards to this resolution but I will end with this. As a mother who has lost a pregnancy, this seems as though the intentions are to guilt and coerce pregnant individuals to maintain their pregnancies at their detriment as well as remind those that lost pregnancies of their losses every time they: approach the boundaries of the municipality (D1), encounter municipal property (D3), attend a public event (D6), encounter a publicly owned vehicle (D8), and encounter a monument/memorial (D12). This funding could be better used to prevent loss of life and pregnancy in other ways.

RES-21:199 appears to be in direct contrast to RES-21:167. If we are going to be "Pro-life" then surely we must protect those that would be vulnerable due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unvaccinated individuals make up the vast majority of hospitalizations and deaths due to the virus. Additionally, the length and intensity of the pandemic is causing shortages within hospitals (labor, oxygen, medications, and space) as well as ambulances and EMTs. Have you been to an emergency department lately? I have. At NEA Baptist here in Jonesboro they are so busy that they have been forced to add hospital beds and wheelchairs to treat patients in the hall. There were no fewer than 9 of these stations as of 9/16/2021. These shortages have and will continue to cost the lives of more than "just" covid patients. We cannot simply go about our lives as if this is the new normal and simply accept any deaths and serious injuries. Research has shown that, for the vast majority of people, the vaccine is safe and effective. Are there cases of vaccine injury? Yes. Those are statistically insignificant when compared to the impact of covid. Are there breakthrough infections? Yes. Once again, the vast majority of cases (even controlling for vaccination rates) are found in unvaccinated individuals.

It is also worth noting that another way that this resolution is in direct contrast with RES-21:167 is that pregnant women are at higher risk of extreme illness due to covid according to the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/special-populations/pregnancy-data->

on-covid-19/what-cdc-is-doing.html). Research is ongoing on the effects of covid on neonates, however there is already research stating that covid antibodies are present in newborns delivered by vaccinated mothers (<https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2021/03/study-shows-covid-19-vaccinated-mothers-pass-antibodies-to-newborns/>). There is no "Pro-life" without enforcement of public health regulations. There are already state requirements for other vaccinations in Arkansas, the covid vaccine should also be required. Perhaps we are even more obligated to require covid vaccines due to the active pandemic as well as the fact that these vaccines have been so thoroughly tested with continued monitoring by the CDC (specifically in reference to the US).

We need to encourage the vaccine now more than ever. There has been divisive language used around vaccination and as leaders in our community it is, in part, your job to combat this. Lead our community to a safer future. If you fail to see the benefit there, please consider that those that become unemployed, disabled, or die will no longer be contributing to the local economy. We will remember who fought to keep us and our families safe. Those that fight against public safety measures are sure to get their own page in the history books as well.

Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen

Makenna McGowen
501 Elizabeth Lane
Jonesboro AR 72401

From: Garrett Barnes <garrett.barnes47@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 7:02 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Oppose Res 21:199

Good Evening Everyone,

For those of you who are members of the Public Services Committee, I encourage you to not make a second for Res 21-199 to walk-on to the full council. If it does receive a second, I encourage you to vote against sending the resolution to the full council. If it does make its way to the full council, I encourage each of you to oppose Res 21-199.

I find it troubling that Alderman Long is, once again, more fixated on making *statements* than his is in taking *action*, via the authority actually enumerated to the Jonesboro City Council, on the issues that affect the City of Jonesboro. Political statements like Res 21:199, as well as Res 21:167, have no legal authority and just wastes the council's time when it could be spending more time in taking action on the issues it can actually change or improve for all of Jonesboro.

By encouraging the state legislature to regulate private businesses (via Res 21:199), Mr. Long, as he often does with Resolutions, contradicts his prior comments on Facebook and elsewhere as well as his personal political platform which has frequently called on the de-regulation of businesses so they would have the freedom to make the decisions they felt were best for them and their customers. This freedom is paramount to the free market principles Mr. Long likes to

frequently tout, so I am surprised to see him forcefully advocating for the state legislature to regulate said businesses and prevent them from doing what they feel is best for their business operations and customers/patients.

If we're wanting to encourage the state legislature to do something that would actually improve the city of Jonesboro and something the City Council can actually piggyback off of with action instead of political statements, I encourage Mr. Long to advocate for the legislature to terminate the sole telecommunication provider agreement that plagues many municipalities, such as Jonesboro, with being chained to inefficient telecommunication providers such as Suddenlink. This way, Ritter, Empower, AT&T, and others can vie for customers by offering superior service which is something Suddenlink cannot seem to fathom, much less remotely deliver.

My address is 518 W Jefferson Avenue Jonesboro, AR 72401. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Garrett Barnes

From: Jonathan Vickers <jonathan.lane.vickers@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 8:38 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Opposition to Robert Long's Resolutions

Dear whom it may concern,

The two resolutions introduced by Robert Long contradict each other and would need further debate to see where the state of Arkansas stands on personal choice and health care. By being selective on which health care choices that are available discriminates against individuals that need specific types of health care. As some say "you can't have your cake and eat it too" you can't preach for the ability to have choice over your own body except if you're a woman that wants to make a choice for her own health. Please do not proceed with this order furthering this ignorant hypocrisy.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Vickers
4800 Reserve Blvd

From: Kyle Whybrew <kylewhybrew10@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 10:04 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolutions

I support Resolution 21:199 and Resolution 21:167.

My address is 4701 Ocean Dr, Jonesboro, AR 72405.

From: Aaron Carroll <aaronw.carroll@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 6:09 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver
<HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Opposition to RES-21:167 & RES-21:199

Good morning,

I wanted to take this time to write in OPPOSITION to RES-21:167 & RES-21:199.

It is my firm belief that either of these resolutions passing will set a dangerous precedent for this city I call home.

RES-21:167 - While I believe abortion should be a last ditch effort, I believe it should be the persons choice. This resolution doesn't work to help fix this issue. It allows the city to spend funds shaming people and putting up signs everywhere. That is a waste of taxpayers money and time. We should instead work to provide sex education and better healthcare access to family planning resources. I don't believe slapping a motto or signs around our fair city is going to do anything but be a "slut shaming" measure. We know that doesn't work.

RES 21:199 - Why are we attempting to ban the COVID-19 Vaccine? Did we ban every other one as well? MMR, Polio, Smallpox? NO. Our kids are still required to get many of these vaccines to be able to go to school. The history is there in requiring vaccines. Also, if the men and women of our armed forces can be forced to take every vaccine out there, why shouldn't we hold up our end as well and protect them? COVID-19 is a growing problem and we have to do something about it. Too many people are dying because of this disease. Hospitals are at a critical point and we have to decrease the patient loads. This resolution does the absolute opposite effect.

I urge the City Council to not move forward with either of these resolutions.

Thanks,

Aaron Carroll
Hwy 349 Lot 1, Jonesboro, AR 72404

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Harris <susanharris47@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:07 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver
<HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Vote no on Bobby Long proposals

Please vote no on identifying Jonesboro a pro life city. This actually means nothing and is a very divisive issue. This could hurt business development in Jonesboro. We have a very vocal MINORITY in Jonesboro that are continually pushing their right wing agenda on the rest of us. As for the 2nd proposal, we are in the middle of a pandemic and numbers are high in Jonesboro. Why would we want to limit businesses from protecting themselves and their customers? All of

our healthcare professionals are encouraging masks and vaccines. Again ultimately bad for business.

Sincerely,
Susan and Charles Harris
2508 Hidden Hill Cir 72404

From: Robin Yates <yatesrobin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:11 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: I am opposed to Res-21:167 and I am opposed to Res-21:199.

Robin Martin Yates
608 Melton Circle
Jonesboro, ar.72401

From: Melanee McDonough <melaneemcd74@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:199

Dear Councilmen,

I'm writing this urging you all to please pass RES-21:199. Please support this resolution supporting healthcare freedom and choice regarding vaccine mandates. Our freedoms to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are being threatened during these experimental times. No one should be losing their jobs and freedoms because they are trying to make, what they believe is, the best decision for their bodies.

I know there is so much fear surrounding this virus, but please keep in mind that this is still and experiment. There are still so many unknowns and new discoveries emerging every day in regards to these vaccines and their effectiveness and adverse reactions.

Everyone, regardless of their vaccination status, continues to interact with each in various settings (church, supermarkets, retail shops, sporting events, etc) outside of work everyday. Since this is true, people can still do their jobs safely and effectively without being mandated to receive a vaccine to keep their job.

Please help protect everyone by passing this resolution, and Thank You for taking the time to read this.

Concerned Citizen,

Melanee McDonough
4839 Thistle Way
Jonesboro, AR

From: Philip Jackson <phe5776@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 & RES-21:199

Dear Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

I strongly urge you to oppose the two resolutions to come before you during this week's council meeting:

RES-21:167 titled "A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE CITY OF JONESBORO A PRO LIFE CITY." is divisive and its passage would provide no value to the City of Jonesboro. The right of a woman to choose to terminate a pregnancy in this US remains Constitutionally-held. This resolution would have no impact on that right and is designed only to cast aspersions on and ostracize the residents of Jonesboro who are experiencing severe stress as they consider the free exercise of this right.

RES-21:199 titled "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM..." requests the Arkansas State Legislature to ban vaccine mandates for local governments and private businesses. This is not in the best interest of city governance and those they govern since it removes authority from the City of Jonesboro in determining what public health measures are required at the local level. Jonesboro officials and private businesses are in the best position to decide what steps are needed to prevent the continued rise of coronavirus infections, locally.

Respectfully,
Philip Jackson
605 W College Ave
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Kenny Brewer <kbrewer@astate.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 10:49 AM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Tomorrow's votes

Dear Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

Please oppose the two resolutions to come before you during this week's council meeting:

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Thank you
William Ken Brewer
1228 Oak Meadow Blvd 72401

From: Madeline Bowdon <madelinebowdon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 and RES-21:199

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Madeline L. Bowdon
3101 Carnaby St Apt. C312
Jonesboro, AR 72405

From: Christy Wilson <wilson.christyr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:34 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 and RES-21:199

I am writing to you to voice my opinion that both of these resolutions should receive votes of NO.

It is not the job of the City of Jonesboro to shame anyone who chooses to have an abortion by proclaiming the city "A Pro-Life City." This is not only designed to shame anyone making this choice - it is completely unnecessary.

Further, we do not need to ask the legislature to keep places of business, including local governments, from having vaccine mandates. This one is simply just DANGEROUS. We are never going to get back to life as normal until vaccines are encouraged. Further, concerning

private businesses, it should absolutely be up to the business owners what is allowed in their place of business.

It is the 21st century and it is past time for the City of Jonesboro to join it.

Christy Wilson
2312 Thorn Street
Jonesboro AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Kelly <lindawkelly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:45 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Res-21:167-Pro Life

This resolution is NOT pro life, Pro life means all life from babies to the elderly. I want us to be a community known for helping all people who are in need of our care and attention. As a former guidance counselor for JPS I have counseled with many young ladies who thought they were in love and made a mistake, many do not feel they can talk to their parents. I would often try to help them talk to their parents who loved them and helped resolve the situation as a family which is where it should be dealt with.

I truly hope our city does not pass this resolution. It is not a law and will have no power but will serve as a red flag to companies and business's who may be thinking of moving to Jonesboro. I do not feel that this is what we elected our aldermen to do. It has nothing to do with running the city and will only bring additional controversy to Jonesboro. Please vote NO to this proposal.

Linda Kelly

Regarding Res-21:199

I am appalled that a resolution such as this would even be considered. We are in a World Wide pandemic and ALL of us should be doing everything we can to encourage people to take the vaccine and wear masks to prevent the spread of Covid. Two weeks ago I lost a first cousin who was unvaccinated. We have to listen to our medical community who are working around the clock to prevent deaths. I can only imagine how they must feel with a Covid ward full of patients who are 90+% unvaccinated when they are doing everything they can to encourage people to take the shot. Please vote NO on this resolution. Arkansas has only 50% of our residents vaccinated and Craighead has even fewer. If we can't get this under control it will continue to mutate and will be beyond our control. If you care about our community you must vote NO.

Linda Kelly
1102 Terrace Court, Jonesboro

From: Angel Howard <howardangel40@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:51 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: No vaccine mandates

Please pass RES-21:199. Help protect our freedoms and our choice.

Angel
5267 valley ridge tr Jonesboro AR 72404

From: dana <dana19876@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 and RES-21:199

Dear Jonesboro City Council,

I am writing to ask you to oppose two separate resolutions that will be voted on this week.

RES-21:167 titled "A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE CITY OF JONESBORO A PRO LIFE CITY"

Simply declaring our city "pro-life" doesn't do anything beneficial. In fact, it is very shaming and unwelcoming. If we want to earn a reputation as a city that cares about lives, we can start with advocating for reproductive freedoms of already alive and functional women. Taking care of children, the homeless, animals, and other at-risk members of our community would be ways to be proud of how Jonesboro cares about lives, not by some meaningless words.

RES-21:199 titled "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM"

Why would we want the Arkansas State Legislature to ban vaccine mandates for local governments and private businesses? We have our own mayor and other officials elected by our local citizens. They should be the ones weighing the factors involved, such as community spread, hospitalizations, large events, and available resources. Private businesses are just that... privately owned. They reserve the right to set whatever policies they deem appropriate, as well as to refuse service to anyone. It is unfair to force private businesses to feel that they must endanger their employees and other customers. Our city should not be championing taking rights away from private businesses. Even Governor Hutchinson encourages all Arkansans to get vaccinated and wear masks when social distancing is not reasonable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dana Monk
329 Steele Avenue #1
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Donna Griffin <donna11154@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution 21:167 and 21:199

I ask you, as an elected official representing the citizens of Jonesboro, to support these two resolutions to be presented by Bobby Long.

21:167 designating Jonesboro as a Pro-Life city.

21:199 the Healthcare Freedom and Choice Resolution which would protect employees from losing their jobs if they chose not to get the C-19 vaccine.

Thank you for your service,
Donna Griffin
2200 Rains Street
Jonesboro, Arkansas

From: Karen Vardell <kavardell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; ityclerk@jonesboro.org
Subject: Oppose RES-21:167 and RES:199

Please oppose RES-21:167 and RES-21:199. These are detrimental to our city and state.

Karen Vardell
2210 Oak Hollow Ln,
Jonesboro, AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Cathy Tarver <cathy_tarver@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Jonesboro resolutions

As a citizen of Jonesboro, I fully support Bobby Long's resolutions. Res-21:167, designating Jonesboro a Pro-Life City. What a great way to show we value the lives of everyone from conception forward. A city that values the things of God will be on the right side of history and flourish.

And I support Res-21:199, the Healthcare Freedom and Choice resolution.

We depended on our healthcare workers through all the illness our city suffered, and they gave of their time and sacrificed their very lives to care for others. Why would we hurt them now? Our city can't handle a lack of healthcare workers. It will hurt more people who need them to care for them. And it will hurt our economy putting good honest hardworking people out of jobs they use to provide for their families. We have enough people in this town who refuse to work. Why put people who want to work out of a job? The healthcare companies should not be allowed to do this. It's unconscionable. It's the wrong path to force any medicine on someone who doesn't need or want it. So many have natural immunity and it's been proven to work better and last longer. God's design is always better. So please approve both resolutions for the good of Jonesboro and its citizens. Thank you!

Cathy Tarver
3915 Covington Drive
Jonesboro, AR 72404

-----Original Message-----

From: Amanda Renigar <arenigar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 12:55 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:199

To Whom it may concern:

As a resident and healthcare employee in the city of Jonesboro, I am requesting that you expeditiously pass Resolution -21:199 (Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates).

Thank you for your help in this matter!

Sincerely,
Amanda Renigar
2101 Bridger Rd. #27
Jonesboro, AR 72405

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Tedder <lltedder@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:199

Dear Aldermen,

I am deeply concerned about the above mentioned resolution. Until we get this pandemic under control, business will not get back to normal and we can expect the rate of sickness and death to continue or worsen. If you look back at history, diseases like smallpox and polio, they were eliminated by vaccines, not by herd immunity. We have had vaccine mandates for decades for school children to prevent illness and death and passing such a bill will only slow our recovery.

Thanks for your time,
Lisa Tedder
3506 Big Creek Cove, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Barry Tedder <bt Tedder@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver
<HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21-199

Dear Aldermen,

As a healthcare provider, I have seen first hand what is happening in our hospitals, the death and extreme illness. Until we see a majority of our citizens vaccinated, we will not see an end to the pandemic, to suffering and death.

Instead of passing the above mentioned resolution, please do everything possible to encourage people to get vaccinated and to fight the spread of misinformation concerning the vaccine.

Sincerely,
Barry Tedder, M.D.
3506 Big Creek Cove
Jonesboro, Ar

-----Original Message-----

From: Martha Pierce <martha.pierce1947@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167; RES-21:199

RES-21:167

This is about a personal choice-abortion. This should not be politicized by our city. Please vote NO

RES-21:199

Skeptics should be persuaded to be vaccinated. This feeds into the lie being perpetuated by followers of the past President. I do not agree. VOTE NO.

Martha Pierce
2603 Cottonwood Street
Jonesboro 72401

From: Jolene Mullet <jolenemullet@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Charles Frierson <CFrierson@jonesboro.org>; Brian Emison <BEmison@jonesboro.org>; Charles Coleman <CColeman@jonesboro.org>; Chris Moore <CMoore@jonesboro.org>; Ann Williams <AWilliams@jonesboro.org>; Chris Gibson <cgibson@jonesboro.org>; John Street <JStreet@jonesboro.org>; Mitch Johnson <mjohnson@jonesboro.org>; Larry J. Bryant <LBryant@jonesboro.org>; Joseph Hafner <JAHafner@jonesboro.org>; Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>; David McClain <DMcClain@jonesboro.org>
Cc: cityclerk@jonesboro.org
Subject: OPPOSE RES 21-199

Good afternoon council members,

I was very disheartened to see that Bobby Long has proposed such a harmful resolution. After a year and a half of our city, state, and nation dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic, I would have thought that unhelpful proposals such as this would be a thing of the past.

Businesses should have the right to ask for the vaccination status of its customers. It is my hope that until the pandemic is over, that business owners will begin to require a vaccine card before entry.

Employers should have the right to require their employees to be vaccinated. Furthermore, they should have the right to require this as a pre-employment condition.

Requiring a covid vaccine is not discrimination. All children who attend public school are required to show proof of vaccination. Student athletes are required to show vaccination.

Additionally, those that do not receive the vaccine (excluding the immunocompromised under doctor's orders) should be penalized for their choice.

Arkansas and Jonesboro in particular need to step up and realize that we are all in this together. Proposals like this will lengthen the time we will have to deal with covid. As the parent of a child too young to be vaccinated yet, I am disgusted that anyone would want to make a proposal such as this.

Council members, please do the right thing and oppose the harmful proposal and protect our children and indeed ourselves.

Jolene Mullet
West Nettleton
Jonesboro, AR

From: Barbara Parks <bparks@astate.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Jonesboro Concerns - Pro-Life and Vaccine Mandate Resolutions

Good afternoon. I am a Jonesboro resident and both of these recent issues are very concerning to me, resolutions 21:167 and 21:199.

First, declaring Jonesboro a Pro-Life city is a slap in the face to its women and to democracy, especially when we consider the number of residents of our great community that suffer from hunger, illness, poverty, and homelessness. Until we start to show our living residents some care and compassion, the issue of abortion and "rights" of a fetus should not waste one moment of your time and of our tax payer dollars.

Those who are seeking out abortion services should not be shamed by their community. They are at the lowest low of their lives and they deserve our care and support in their hour of need. Pro-

life should be more than just pro-fetus or pro-birth. If Mr. Long wants to extend his influence to demonstrate how “pro-life” and what a good Christian he is, he should be making efforts to care for those who actually need it, not a handful of cells in a uterus that may or may not make a human one day.

Second, this supposed Healthcare Freedom resolution is another huge waste of time. This will only endanger the lives of residents and further prolong the effects of the covid pandemic. If Mr. Long and his cohorts really cared about their constituents, they would be seeking efforts to persuade more residents to get vaccinated and encourage healthy practices including masks and social distancing. Instead of banning mandates, they should be looking into making testing easier to support those residents and employees who choose not to vaccinate, which would help identify people who are pre- or asymptomatic carriers, which would less the spread of the illness. These are common sense ideas that should not be difficult for Mr. Long and others to figure out.

Both of these resolutions are simply publicity stunts to garner some support and contributions from our local Tea Party chapter. It is disgusting that our local councilman care more about their campaign fundraisers than they do about the health and well-being of our citizens.

Thank you for your time and I will be watching tomorrow’s meeting closely for the votes on these resolutions.

Barbara Parks
1101 Olive St
Jonesboro, AR 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Joyce Cook <mysterybuff1961@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Pleas support Pro Life and Healthcare Freedom Resolutions

Dear Jonesboro City Council Members:

I urge you to support Alderman Bobby Long’s two resolutions. One resolution is on designating Jonesboro as a Pro-Life city (Res-21:167) and the other is the Healthcare Freedom and Choice Resolution (Res-21:199) which would protect employees from losing their jobs if they chose not to get the C-19 vaccine.

It would be a shameful thing if you folks do not support these resolutions. I suppose most of you attend church. There is no way you can not be in support of these resolutions if you grew up in the America that I grew up in.

If you do not support these resolutions, I would love to know why you do not.

Joyce Cook
2200 Countryview, Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: Shawn Only <shawnonly@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 4:11 PM
To: Larry Bryant <LJ@ljbryant.com>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Re: Council resolution - pro life city - ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Re: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM.

Council,

I am writing regarding another resolution to ban a vaccine mandate. For the sake of public health and safety, we must have vaccine mandates since competence and ability to research and obtain legitimate resources on vaccines and their efficacy escapes too many here! Too many rely on either nitwits, uneducated, talk show hosts, and power-hungry politicians for their healthcare directive instead of doctors and scientist.

Again, for our children's sake esp those under 12, and those compromised who are not eligible for the vaccine, we must protect them. Selfishness is destroying our community. No one's rights are being infringed upon except those of us willing to get the vaccine to protect even the ignorant!

We must have a vaccine mandate. Please do your homework before making an uneducated and reckless decision. We should all be in this together. Thank you for your consideration.

Ms. Shawn Only
P.O. Box 805
State University, Ar 72467

From: Deborah Johnson <dsj04487@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:199

Here we go again!

RES-21:199, being considered this week by our elected city council, proposes to endanger the lives of the citizens in our city by invoking the emotion-laden word FREEDOM.

I would submit that FREEDOM means working together as a community to prioritize the safety of our citizens, especially those who struggle with severe health issues and those who aren't old enough to be vaccinated.

FREEDOM comes with the obligation to do things for the good of all, despite slight personal inconvenience and discomfort.

FREEDOM means doing what is necessary to fight against a worldwide pandemic, one that does not care about political party, faith, gender, nationality, or opinion, and which can only be defeated using the full complement of recommended actions: masking, social distancing, frequent hand-washing, and vaccination of every eligible person.

The argument that businesses and local governments mandating vaccination against COVID-19 by their employees is an infringement of personal liberty is short-sighted. Vaccination affects ALL OF US.

If we really want to be free of COVID-19, the obvious and sensible thing is to get vaccinated.

Please vote AGAINST RES-21:199.

Deborah Johnson
Hibiscus Court, Jonesboro

From: Missy Euler <missyeuler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 4:28 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom, etc

Dear Council Members,

I'm writing to ask that you pass RES-21:199 as it is written. You have the chance to stand up for the healthcare decision making rights for the citizens of Jonesboro, and it's your duty to do so.

Never in the history of our country have we been faced with such unconstitutional mandates. It's imperative that you uphold the rights given to us by God and the Constitution of the United States of America. If we give away even one freedom the tyranny will never stop.

You have an obligation to stand up against a tyrannical and morally corrupt federal government. You have an obligation to each and every citizen of Jonesboro that should be met regardless of your personal beliefs about vaccinations.

Make no mistake, the citizens will be watching to see how each of you votes. Ultimately your actions will be judged by us and our creator. I pray you will vote to pass the resolution and remain on the right side of history.

Sincerely,
Milissa Euler
2824 N Culberhouse St, Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: tcrist56 <77tcrist@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 5:57 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject:

Please vote NO to Bobby Long's two proposals:

1. Declare Jonesboro a "Pro-life city"
2. An anti-vaccine proclamation in the name of medical freedom

These proposals are political only in nature. The pro-life movement is a bunch of political hacks that do not represent the Christian faith and only express situational compassion in pursuit of shallow cultural concerns and their own political survival. Pro-life has a long history of ineffectiveness in their misguided attempts to end abortion. This is yet only another disgusting effort to serve their politics and in no way should be understood as an effort to limit abortions.

An anti-vaccine proclamation in a time when we are suffering and lamenting the death of loved ones is yet another irresponsible political move that mocks those in our community that have first hand knowledge of tragic nature of this pandemic.

Both of these proposals are poorly thought through and can only negatively effect our community.

Tim Crist
4305 Jenni Lane
Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: Karen Vardell <kavardell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 6:04 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Re: Oppose RES-21:167 and RES:199

Please oppose RES-21:167 and RES-21:199. These our detrimental to our city and state.

Karen Vardell
2210 Oak Hollow Ln,
Jonesboro, AR 72401

From: Vincent Dunn <vincentemail6@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 6:51 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates

Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates

Vincent Dunn
4609 Rockport Drive, Jonesboro

From: Tawnya Finnicum <tfinnicum@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 7:16 PM
To: alderman@jonesboro.org
Subject: Healthcare Freedom Resolution

To the City Council:

I'm writing in support of healthcare freedom and choice regarding vaccine mandates. I should be able to make healthcare decisions that I feel are best for me and my family. I'm hoping this resolution will allow me to do so.

A concerned citizen,
Tawnya Finnicum
5209 Friendly Hope Road, Jonesboro AR 72404

From: Paul Finnicum <pfinnicum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 7:42 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: health care freedom resolution

To the City Council:

I am writing in support of the resolution supporting health care freedom and choice regarding vaccine mandates. I believe I have the right to control my own health care decisions.

Paul Finnicum
5209 Friendly Hope Road, Jonesboro AR 72404

From: Rebekah Evans <rebekah.laurel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 7:52 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Oppose RES 21:199

Dear City Council Members,

Res 21:199 is another resolution that wastes the city's time and resources on proposals that have no force of law. In addition, this resolution against vaccine mandates and public health efforts reinforces myths and misinformation about public health. Vaccine mandates are nothing new. Vaccines are required for me to enroll my children in school, to attend college, to work in healthcare and other professions, to travel, etc.

Please listen to healthcare professionals and public health experts and reject this proposal.

Sincerely,
Rebekah Evans, Ph.D.
Charleston Drive, Jonesboro

From: Sharla Chandler <sharchandler71@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 8:18 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Ann Williams <AWilliams@jonesboro.org>; Chris Gibson <cgibson@jonesboro.org>; Brian Emison <BEmison@jonesboro.org>; Joseph Hafner <JAHafner@jonesboro.org>

Subject: EMPLOYER VACCINE MANDATE

Good evening ladies and gentlemen of the council. I am a resident of Jonesboro and I would like to take a moment of your time to express my opposition of the employer vaccine mandate. Since COVID has started, it has been a depressing nightmare after night mare. I do believe it exist, but it has gotten way out of control. I am not speaking as in "out of control" with people getting infected. I am referencing the out of control nonsense. Viruses happen every day. Flu, respiratory infections, strep, etc. We can't stop them. It is life. Wearing a mask ONLY keeps your body from fighting any germs that you come in contact with. It weakens the immune system. No, I am not a doctor or have a degree in medicine. This is common sense taught for years. I do not believe we have had as many cases of COVID as has been reported. We all know that hospitals and clinics recieve funding for cases reported. You as a city government recieve funding for mandating mask and pushing the employer vaccine mandate. Don't say you don't or I will request FOIA. It is all about CONTROL from the very beginning. The more people comply, this will NEVER go away. Dealing with the government is like dealing with a child. If you let a child get away with a few things, he/she will try again to see how much farther they can go. That is what is happening. All this compliance is leading us into communism.

Everyone has a choice and rights over their own body. You can't tell me that it is OKAY to let a person get an abortion (because it is their choice/their body) but we can't choose to not get a vaccine.

I have been stressed and fighting depression over all this mess. I am worried I will lose my job if I don't comply with getting the vaccine. HOW DID WE GET HERE? Why is everyone at a crossroad having to decide, "do I lose my job and fail as a provider for my family or comply to getting a vaccine that has killed people?" The vaccine is produced to control population. I do believe that people who have received it will have serious medical complications or die within 1 to 3 years.

I could ramble on forever and make valid points after valid points but the bottom line is this: I am prepared to fight this and sue whomever I need to if I lose my job. This is America! We have rights. All these mandates go against the Constitution and "We the People" are fed up. Enough is enough. If you allow this to continue and people are forced to take the vaccine versus living on the street and people die from it, their blood is on YOUR hands.

Sharla Chandler
904 Hester Street

From: julie clark <heaven5951@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 8:35 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates

Greetings!

My name is Julie Clark, I'm a nurse of 38+ years, and have worked in Jonesboro for all of those years. I worked all through last year and this year, I had a case of Covid19 myself in November, which I treated at home. I've seen lots of information, misinformation, and disinformation regarding this illness. One thing I have consistently read is that the death rate from Covid19 is less than 1% in this country. This is hardly a reason to give up our freedoms! There are vaccines available to anyone who wants them, and I am quite capable of making my own healthcare decisions.

Therefore, I would like to strongly encourage you all to pass this resolution! We need you to fight for our freedoms as our elected officials. I thank Mr Bobby Long for introducing the resolution and I thank you all for your time.

Sincerely,
Julie Clark
2434 Granite Pointe, Jonesboro Ar 72404

From: Devra Graham <mikendev@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:48 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Healthcare Covid-19 Mandates

My husband and I would appreciate your support in advancing the Healthcare Freedom Resolution. Thank for your support on this matter.

Sincerely,
Mike and Devra Graham
3505 Lacoste Dr
Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: Kimberly Roberts <kimdanita@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 10:30 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Res 21-199 - I oppose this

It's interesting that you are putting this resolution up and calling it Freedom of choice, while your other resolution takes away Freedom.

Respectfully,
Kimberly Roberts
Live Oak Circle
Jonesboro 72405

From: Sydney Rush <sydneylrush@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 10:38 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Vote NO to Bobby Long's Proposal

Hello,

I am a citizen of Jonesboro, AR at 2204 Flatrock Trail. I would like to urge you to vote no to Bobby Long's proposals.

1. Declare Jonesboro a "Pro-life city"
2. An anti-vaccine proclamation in the name of medical freedom

One, we all deserve a choice and a man should not deem our city "pro-choice" when he does not face the struggles a woman does. Also, it is my right to have my opinions and yours to protect the opinion of others. Second, the vaccine is necessary to move forward through the pandemic and our administration at the state and federal level have repeated that multiple times.

Thank you,
Sydney Rush

From: Butch Yielding <butchyielding@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:19 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:199

Concerning RES-21:199 titled "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM. Here's how Covid-19 kills the innocent. Say you're anti-mask/anti-vaccine. You are diagnosed with Covid and you recover. But you spread it during the time you were in the public, shopping/work, before you knew you were Covid positive. The spread goes from the positive individual to a co-worker to someone at Walmart to the Walmart persons husband or wife and finally to that families children.

The wife ends up in ICU, at a Jonesboro Hospital, along with one of there children (a little boy 11 years old) the mother survives but their 11 year old sin dies. All started from the anti-mask/anti-vaccine individual.

As a society, as a community when did we lose sight of Our responsibility for others here and across the USA. There's absolutely nothing simple about dealing with Covid-19. Politics here again sticks it's ugly face into a situation where we should be thinking about that child or a grandparent instead of the next election.

It's truly BS for politicians to place reelection ahead of the health of others.

You have a chance to show where you stand concerning the innocent who've died here in Jonesboro. Your vote truly is a statement from you concerning the innocent who've died from Covid. Jonesboro/Craighead County has currently had 20,170, up 89 in the past 24 hours, positive Covid Cases.

And sadly 225 neighbors have died. As a country the USA has had 42,689,174 positive Covid cases, Up +114,923 in past 24 hours. And sadly 687,770 Up+944 in past 24 hours have died. In my lifetime I've never seen Our Citizens so divided on what should be done to save the lives of others. I ask 2 things. WWJD for his children in Jonesboro/America and where would we be as a population if say they polio vaccine was never developed.

I personally feel we should have a city/county wide mask mandate and that elected individuals should be putting out positive messages concerning the Vaccines.
But what we've seen as a Country, State and City is that re-election is more important than those who've died from Covid.
For these reasons I ask you vote no. Thanks for your time.

Butch Yielding
2408 Autumn Drive
Jonesboro AR 72404

From: Matt Taylor <mattdtaylor2015@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:41 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Vote No on Bobby Long's Proposals

Hello,

My name is Matt Taylor, and I live at 3305 Richardson Drive APT H3, Jonesboro, AR 72404.

I recently learned of the proposals the make Jonesboro a "Pro-Life" city and to make an anti-vaccine mandate in the city in the name of "medical freedom."

From a concerned citizen who hopes Jonesboro and it's economy can continue to recover from Covid, I urge you to vote no on the anti-vaccine mandate and also I urge to you help get more folks vaccinated.

I also strongly disagree with calling Jonesboro a "pro-life" city. There is no need to label the city as being on one side or another of a political issue. It's meaningless and also offensive to all the citizens who support a woman's right to choose to have an abortion.

Thank you,
Matt Taylor

From: irisstevens <irisstevens@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:24 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: I support both resolutions being presented

I strongly support both resolutions being presented 21:199 and 21:167, the resolution to designate Jonesboro a Pro-Life City and the Healthcare Freedom resolution.

Iris Stevens
2714 Turtle Creek Rd
Jonesboro 72404

From: Ryan Wright <ryan.wright1@smail.astate.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:39 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: In regards to Resolutions on 9/21/21

Please oppose the two proposals before the city council regarding prolife and anti vaccine proclamation.

2509 Aggie road

From: Travy <travis.w.slaughter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: 9/21/2021 Resolutions

To whom it may concern,

I'm asking that all city aldermen oppose the two proposals before the city council regarding a pro-life resolution and the anti-vaccine resolution. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Travis Slaughter
500 N Caraway Rd
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

From: EMMA Agnew <williamsemma62@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: April Leggett <ALeggett@jonesboro.org>
Subject: VOTE NO ON RES-21-199

"A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM"..."

The name of this resolution is misleading and in no way supports healthcare freedom but instead requests the Arkansas State Legislature to ban vaccine mandates for local governments and private businesses. This is not in the best interest of city governance and those they govern since it removes authority from the City of Jonesboro in determining what public health measures are required at the local level. Jonesboro officials and private businesses are in the best position to decide what steps are needed to prevent the continued rise of coronavirus infections, locally.

Respectively,

Emma Agnew
1215 Dupwe, Jonesboro

From: Peggy Pietz <peggykpietz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Support of Resolutions

I am writing to express my support for resolutions Res-21:167 (Pro-Life City) and Res-21:199 (Healthcare Freedom and Choice Resolution).

We must take a stand at the local level to protect our God-given and constitutional rights and liberties.

Thank you.

Peggy Pietz
1263 Sullivan Circle, Jonesboro AR 72404

-----Original Message-----

From: Trevor Scudder <totheinfinitepower@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Please Vote NO!

I am Trevor Scudder, I reside at 711 W Huntington Ave Jonesboro At 72401 and I am emailing you urging you to vote NO on the following propositions...

1. Declare Jonesboro a "Pro-life city"
 2. An anti-vaccine proclamation in the name of medical freedom
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From: Elijah Agnew <agnewelijah@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: April Leggett <ALeggett@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Fw: VOTE NO ON RES-21-199

"A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM"..."

The name of this resolution is misleading and in no way supports healthcare freedom but instead requests the Arkansas State Legislature to ban vaccine mandates for local governments and private businesses. This is not in the best interest of city governance and those they govern since it removes authority from the City of Jonesboro in determining what public health measures are required at the local level. Jonesboro officials and private businesses are in the best position to decide what steps are needed to prevent the continued rise of coronavirus infections, locally.

Respectively,

Elijah Agnew
1215 Dupwe, Jonesboro

-----Original Message-----

From: Sherry Tuseth <sherrytuseth@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold

Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES-21:167 & RES-21:199

Dear Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

Please oppose the two resolutions to come before you during this week's council meeting: RES-21:167 & RES-21:199.

Thank you,

Sherry Tuseth
1328 Oakdale St.
Jonesboro 72401

-----Original Message-----

From: Ali Conn <ali.j.conn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:53 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Vaccine Mandates

Hello,

My name is Ali Conn and I live on Wildwood Point in Jonesboro. Vaccine mandates would not have even been proposed had people done the right thing without being forced to do so. I've seen the vast majority of Jonesboro residents resist mask mandates before we had a vaccine and now people are refusing a safe and effective vaccine. I strongly oppose the resolution aimed at prolonging this pandemic under the guise of "freedom."

Thank you,
Ali Conn

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Ford <babasgirlzandwill@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Resolutions before the council

First, I ask that you do not allow Jonesboro to be declared a "pro-life city." It is a thinly disguised effort to deny women their constitutional rights involving their bodies. Don't turn back the clock to 1972. Don't make young girls who have been taken advantage of be saddled with the responsibilities of an adult.

Secondly, please vote against "A Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom," which title is a perverse joke. It doesn't promote health CARE. It promotes deadly disease and death.

Asking that mask and vaccine mandates be banned by the Legislature is like banning the use of water by fire departments. We are at an all-time high risk for Covid infections. Please listen to scientists and help to stop this plague. I hate seeing Arkansas in national headlines because of our backward citizens who are dragging us down.

Barbara Cameron Ford
504 West Elm Avenue
Jonesboro, Ark 72401-4017

-----Original Message-----

From: Julia Williams <japghw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 3:07 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Subject: No on res 199

Please do not Approve the Resolution 199.

Thank you,
Julia Williams
2000 Bunker Hill Rd

From: Zachariah Carlson <zachariah.carlson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 3:31 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>
Subject: I do not support RES-21:199

Good afternoon. I'm writing about RES-21:199, which outlines assorted COVID vaccine guidelines and restrictions, amounting to a proposal to declare anti-vaccine proponents a protected class. I'm opposed to its passage.

Most countries have failed to comprehensively halt or reverse the spread and recurrence of COVID-19 and its variants. The USA has unfortunately failed particularly badly on a number of metrics, resulting in a repeating loop of minor case number dropoffs followed by major surges. RES-21:199's contribution to this reality is to say Jonesboro has given up on reversing this trend. I have not given up. I urge the council to stand firm too.

Thanks,
Zachariah Carlson
Bunker Hill Road, Jonesboro AR

From: Renay! <bottle.of.shine@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 4:00 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: RES:21-199: please vote note on yet another cursed object

Hello!

According to *Jacobson v. Massachusetts* (1905, cited numerous times as precedent since then), even if the state legislature wanted to take the actions outlined in this resolution, they would see any law passed immediately challenged. Let's not encourage our state legislature to waste tax money on challenging law that's clearly been settled for over a century and to contribute to public health misinformation by convincing members of our community they have rights they do not, and will never, have.

Also, it's not very economically savvy to signal to businesses looking to come to Arkansas/Jonesboro that the government here believes they should be compelled to allow outbreaks and uncontrolled spread of contagious viruses (and thus, subsequent quarantines and loss of skilled workers) at their facilities among employees.

As always, if people want to be walking biological hazards, they can absolutely live their bliss, but they do not have the right to infect the rest of us. :) :))

Renay
Bunker Hill
Jonesboro

From: Sharla Chandler <sharchandler71@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 9:53 PM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Ann Williams <AWilliams@jonesboro.org>; Chris Gibson <cgibson@jonesboro.org>; Brian Emison <BEmison@jonesboro.org>; Joseph Hafner <JAHafner@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Re: EMPLOYER VACCINE MANDATE

Why was no one allowed to speak at the council meeting tonight? What is wrong with you people? You work for the people! We don't work for YOU.
This will not be the end of it. You just made it worse. Mark my words.

Sharla Chandler
904 Hester Street

From: DeShawanna DeFord <deshawanna.doke@yahoo.com>
To: aldermen@jonesboro.org <aldermen@jonesboro.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 10:19:17 PM CDT
Subject: Fw: Support for Healthcare Freedom Resolution RES-21-199

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." - MLK

Good evening,

To say that I'm sadden, disgusted, or disheartened would be an absolute understatement. I battled back and forth about writing this email because to be honest.. it won't matter. However, I felt

compelled and felt that I needed to make sure you knew how I felt regardless. This is specifically for those that serve on the Public Services Committee.

The adjectives used above to not begin to describe how disappointed I am. The resolutions brought forth by Bobby Long were controversial. I will not deny that. But they were real issues. They were hard issues. I'm disheartened that the committee members wouldn't even give it a chance to go to council - so 1) it could be discussed further and 2) so others had a chance to vote on it or express their opinions - even the citizens of Jonesboro.

It takes guts and true leadership to present issues like these because they go against comfort zones. They make people step out of that box and make a decision. Sure... it's easy to vote on if a business gets a liquor license or if a sidewalk goes in on a street or if we are going to put in more park equipment somewhere. It's easy to speak up then. But that's not why you were elected. Sure I understand that's part of it. But it takes courage to discuss real issues... to bring real issues to the table.

Your silence tonight, committee members, spoke volumes to me. You have chosen to remain silent maybe because you believe in vaccine mandates or maybe you just don't want to rock the boat - either way, you were silent. And your silence has told me that I'm incapable of making my own healthcare decisions. I'm incapable of deciding what is right for me. Sure, I could spout off statistics on this email all day long. But would it matter? Probably not. Your silence has told me everything I need to know.

I thank Bobby Long for presenting this resolutions. Thank you for listening. Thank you for trying.

I leave you with this-

Tonight your silence told me that it's not okay for me to make a healthcare decision about MY OWN body but it is okay for a woman to make a life or death decision about ANOTHER life inside her. See the irony?

Thank you for your time.

DeShawna DeFord
3516 Beacon St. Jonesboro, AR 72404

From: paul vellozo <vellozo.p@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:41 AM
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>
Subject: Re: resolution

Dear Aldermen, Mayor Copenhaver, city clerk.

I commend the city Council for exercising good judgment and soundly rejecting the misguided resolution on "healthcare freedom".

We are in the midst of the worst pandemic to hit the US and the world in over a century.

Now is not the time to waste energy in pointless and counterproductive resolutions.

I hope that the city of Jonesboro takes a proactive stance on encouraging vaccination and supporting the businesses that require their employees to get vaccinated and practice other important safety measures like masking and social distancing.

In other words we need to be doing exactly the opposite of the misguided resolution.

I look forward to the city taking a proactive stance in promoting vaccination and other measures to support hospitals and healthcare workers who are working hard to protect the population including those misguided people who are opposing vaccination and prevention measures.

Dr. Paul Vellozo
3811 Wolfchase Lane, Jonesboro
