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## ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

## RE: COUNCIL FILE 21-0878 COVID-19/VACCINATION/ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS/INDOOR SPACES/VAX UP LA.

The Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC) does hereby urge the Los Angeles City Council to vote no on CF-21-0878. We take this position because:

- The ANC supports ALL our stakeholders' FREEDOM to make personal medical decisions including the decision to vaccinate or not to vaccinate without punishment.
  "If you have to carry a card in your pocket to gain access for merely shopping or freely moving about then that is no longer a free country...And that should concern every person regardless of political party." (author unknown)
- 2. This policy will negatively impact businesses by requiring private businesses to enforce the City's mandate and could result in standing in long lines just to enter a place of business. These mandates will impact these businesses fiscally and will cause more businesses to close, further impacting job losses to people in our community that are already experiencing difficult times due to the pandemic.
- 3. As observed in prior weeks, Black and Hispanic people have received smaller shares of vaccinations compared to their shares of cases and compared to their shares of the total population in most states. In California, 30% of vaccinations have gone to Hispanic people which means 70% are unvaccinated. This policy will further discriminate against the Hispanic majority in the community we represent.

https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/issue-brief/latest-data-on-covid-19-vaccinations-race-ethnicity/.

Because of the above stated reasons, the Arleta Neighborhood Council joins with other neighborhood councils and respectfully request the Los Angeles City Council to join with us in opposing CF-21-0878.

Approved August 24, 2021 9 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent