

## Andre Fresco

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**From:** Ryan Ibach  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 1:30 PM  
**To:** Andre Fresco  
**Subject:** FW: Written Communications - August 11, 2021

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From: Teresa Hauser <teresah3010@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 1:30 PM  
To: Ryan Ibach <ryan.ibach@co.yakima.wa.us>  
Subject: Written Communications - August 11, 2021

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\*\*\*PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO ALL HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS TO BE READ AT MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2021\*\*\*

Please provide the uncensored peer reviewed scientific evidence that demonstrates wearing a mask prevents the transmission of COVID-19 to others in our community, in particular those citizens aged 5 to 18 years old. Without the health board providing this documentation, a mandate on our children to wear masks in the classroom is putting a muzzle on their learning and social development. Parents have always been the legally responsible party for a child's welfare and discipline. Mandating masks in the classroom supersedes the parental rights, responsibilities, and obligations to care for their own child. Masks should be optional at the discretion of the parent.

Thank you,  
Teresa Hauser  
Yakima, Washington

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**From:** Ryan Ibach  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 1:29 PM  
**To:** Andre Fresco  
**Subject:** FW: Written Communications – August 25th board meeting

**From:** Casey Corr <casey@caseycorr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2021 12:08 PM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach <ryan.ibach@co.yakima.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Written Communications – August 25th board meeting

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Dear Health District board members:

I am writing about the need for leadership in this period of increasing unrest over Covid and mandates to preserve public health.

I worry about rising anger and the risk of violence in our community. I know several of you have expressed heart-felt concerns about mandates. I respect your concerns for families, children and businesses. We all cherish our freedoms.

As members of the board of health, you have a responsibility to speak to those individual concerns, but you also have a duty to speak for our community as a whole and remind others that with freedoms come responsibilities. Since nearly all of you lack advanced medical training, you have an obligation to listen to the health officer and district staff and give proper weight to their years of experience and expertise before forming your own conclusions.

Please keep politics out of the health district. In a pandemic, we all must make sacrifices for the greater good. Leadership means supporting health directives that are guided in science. Leadership means acknowledging that mandates issued during a pandemic are fully within the law, and always subject to judicial review. Saying otherwise just arouses frustration and anger that will only prolong the pandemic and increase suffering. Telling people there is no evidence that masks reduce exposure is both false and dangerous. It also undermines the life-saving work of the health district staff.

To end the pandemic, we must not just think about our own personal needs but also our obligations to each other. Since the virus spreads, it's not just about protecting my personal health or my willingness to accept risk. It's about recognizing our patriotic duty and acting to protect others.

Please be true leaders and appeal to the best, not the worst, in our fellow Americans. Lead by example. Promote understanding, not anger. Lower the temperature. Urge calm, not outrage. Discord and disarray in our response to the pandemic serves the virus, not "the general Welfare", as the Constitution puts it. There is no such thing as freedom without duty. Remind people of that. Please work with health district staff to end the pandemic for a quick restoration of our freedoms. Now more than ever, united we stand.

If I can be of assistance in this effort, please let me know. Thank you. And thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Casey Corr

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**From:** Ryan Ibach  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 1:28 PM  
**To:** Andre Fresco  
**Subject:** FW: Written Communications – August 25th  
**Attachments:** FOTC Letter to YHD August 23, 2021.pdf

**From:** Jean Mendoza <jeanrmendoza@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 11:22 AM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach <ryan.ibach@co.yakima.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Written Communications – August 25th

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Hello Ryan,

Please see the attached public comments from the Friends of Toppenish Creek.

Thank you.

Jean Mendoza



August 24, 2021

Dear Yakima Health District,

Please ask yourselves whether the Yakima Health District Board of Directors is responsive to the public.

On July 27, 2021, the Friends of Toppenish Creek submitted comments to the board:

- An analysis of data from the WA State DOH that showed higher incidence and death rates from COVID 19 in the Lower Yakima Valley compared to the Upper Yakima Valley and Washington State.
- Concerns about poly and per fluoroalkyl substances in biosolids that are applied to cropland in Yakima County. (Please add concerns about dioxins and furans.)
- Concerns about a proposed composting area with potential health impacts on neighbors.

The Yakima Health District did not respond to our comments and the YHD Board of Health has not discussed our documents.

Washington is a local control state. The proper place to voice our concerns is before the people with responsibility to address them at ground level. We respectfully request your attention to these issues that directly impact public health in Yakima County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Mendoza".

Jean Mendoza

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