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Dear City Council,

I have proudly worked for the city for 15 years and counting. I was watching on YouTube tonight's council meeting regarding vaccinations and testing. I thought we are to be an inclusive workplace and accepting of others - shouldn't that also include the "unvaccinated"? To talk about a group of people with such disgust was disheartening. To worry more about cost over testing was disturbing and the need to fine them or terminate them felt authoritarian in nature. Have you even wondered why they are hesitant in the first place? Perhaps the unvaccinated already have natural immunity or due to religious or medical or just believe in the personal choice of freedom. That freedom that you took an oath to protect when becoming a council member. The attitude and impression that the "unvaccinated" are uncaring, selfish, the villains, the cause of the virus, etc saddens me. To label them I feel is wrong and causes divide. So far 99.5% of Sonoma County doesn't have COVID. Most wonder how is this an emergency anyways? And why aren't we focused on therapeutics for the sick like ivermectin? Where are these questions? It's been almost 2 years - why aren't we asking where are the therapeutics? Why are we so focused on treating the healthy with vaccines and not treating the sick with already approved fda drugs? When boosters are required for all will that make you unvaccinated until you get the booster (supposedly soon to be every 5 months)? I've asked these questions to HR and no answers. I ask you to put yourselves in the unvaccinated persons shoes and see how you would feel if someone else dictates what goes into your body and threatens termination or fines which results in you losing your livelihood, the means to support your children, have a roof over your head, food etc? I do want to acknowledge Mr Tibbetts for considering the 80% herd immunity to end this mandate. I also want to acknowledge that by my questions I don't minimize the concern of those worried, like myself, about the virus in the slightest. Whether vaccinated or not, I'm careful around my family, my 90 year old grandmother, just as much as any one else. But when are we going to live life and stop having the effects of COVID ruin more lives than the virus itself? Where is the bright light at the end of the tunnel?

Respectfully,

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