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Are duke hospitals still allowing a birth partner to come and go? Will these privileges change this week?

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I am sharing comments to the Wake commissioner's board today because as a long time citizen of this county, I am appalled at the actions of the board and disgusted at the consequences these actions have brought on our community. In my lifetime, I could never imagine that my government would take away the personal freedom of its citizens and force business to close based on who they are or what they do. My wife's 90 year old mother who escaped from Cuba during the Castro terror says our government is acting as the communists acted then. It starts with removal of personal and business freedom, silencing of those who don't agree, next is seizure of assets in the name of the state, finally removal of those who don't fall in line. She, as well as her family, is more than capable of making personal decisions and taking personal responsibility to keep her as safe as can be from the virus with no assistance from our government other than factual guidance which is useful.

The damage you have caused to our community and society will not be short lived and not forgotten. Thousands are out of work, large numbers of business will fold, there is no education happening, neighbors are reporting neighbors for going outside, authorities are hassling those who go to a park or try to recreate, playgrounds have police tape around them as if a crime has occurred.

I ask the board to immediately resend the ill-advised and illegal actions it has taken to declare a state of emergency when no such emergency exists. The only emergency in our community is the one the board has created. You cannot hide behind charts and public safety to destroy our entire community and way of life for what may happen. You need to focus on what is really happening. Are our hospitals flooded with victims? No, hospital wait times have been under 10 minutes all week, compared to normal conditions of 2+ hours. Is there exponential growth of cases? No, there is a stable increase each day, far below normal flu type numbers. Are there large numbers of deaths? No, there are in fact no deaths in Wake county. How many have died from normal seasonal flu? The point is you have to make decisions based on valid facts and use history as a guide to compare. Put the seasonal flu numbers in the same charts and graphs you use for Covid and see how eye-opening this is for example, and exposes your flawed statistics. We are not a NYC metro area. Mass transit, dense population and international travel are clearly main drivers of rapid spread of disease, including this virus. Our demographics and suburban community mean we will never come close to the type of situation you would have in an urban city. Why can't you see this?

If you don't want to use statistics then think about the beautiful teenage girl who died in January from the regular influenza-B strain (look up News Observer article). A tragic loss and as a father I can only imagine how much her family and friends were devastated. However, the dirty truth is neither society nor the Wake commissioner's board cared about her or took any safety actions as this is "normal". If this same type of thing occurred this week due to Covid you would shut down society for the indefinite future in the name of safety.

I didn't honestly know anyone on the board until the past 2 weeks, but I have now quickly learned who you are and how you operate. The board is basically a political activist group. Your chairman is more interested in punishing those who thoughts and beliefs he disagrees with rather than acting as a true leader. Looking at you Greg Ford, just like you were looking at Hobby Lobby.

If you will not rescind your emergency order action immediately, you must today make it clear to the county what are your criteria for lifting this "emergency". What can you do today that will help our society get back to running, instead of cowering in fear? Instead of taking away more freedom and personal responsibility? The spotlight is on you now. Do you have what it takes to lead?

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I am 70 years old and live in North Raleigh. I would like to understand the risk I run by going to the grocery store. I believe Wake County should provide location data on the coronavirus cases in the County. Wake County has a million people and hundreds of square miles. Where are the 300+ cases located? Are they concentrated in certain municipalities or areas? Is the risk of buying food higher or lower where I live? We need more information than just age and gender.

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I am confused on the order to close all pet grooming in wake county. We are the only county not allowing grooming to remain open. In the proclamation it clearly states Veterinary care and all healthcare related to animals. Grooming is considered healthcare. Groomers clean ears, clean sanitary areas and keep coat quality healthy to avoid severe skin infections. By also being unique in the state we are forcing people to cross county lines into Durham and others to seek the service. This will add to the risk of spreading the Coronavirus across county lines.

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What are you doing specifically to help speed up the process of the self employed to apply for unemployment? Currently we are be told that the the NC unemployment agency is waiting on the labor department. And when we contact the labor department they tell us to contact the NC unemployment department. When have been given the run around with no real dates or information. When will we be allowed to apply for unemployment to pay our bills that are now behind.

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Wake County has a moral and legal obligation to immediately revoke their stay-at-home order. It's a violation of the 14th Amendment and there is no statutory authority in NCGS 166A for such an order in our circumstances. Do the right thing, act now, act in accordance with the law and the Constitution.

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I realize that landscaping services and garden centers have been deemed as essential. I can understand, to an extent, why this is the case, but I am very concerned about the number of people these businesses are drawing in on a daily basis. I live near Garden Supply Co. and on Saturday, my spouse and I went for a drive and when we drove by GSCO, the parking lot was so full that people had to park on the road out front. I saw people loading their cars with ferns and other plants. I just don't see how this is essential, and I'm worried about how many people are in close proximity of one another while these types of businesses remain open. I wish, at the very least, they would limit how many people are allowed to shop at once. Fairview garden center is asking that you make an appointment online to come in person, which I completely agree with. Thank you in advance for your consideration on this matter.

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I am a new home sales rep in a model home in Wake county for a large home builder, I am w-2 with insurance I am not a real estate agent.

I am 100% commission so I have to work but I can safely work from home virtually.

We are considered essential during covid 19.

My employer is making us to stay open and you will see most model homes open across Wake county or by appointment only. Wake county is a top 10 county in the USA for new home models.

Our managment is staying home but they are asking us sales reps to be in the model talking to customers. Yestersay sunday I had probably 20+ families come to my model. Many were from out of state I saw alot of New York plates. Alot of these folks were just looking for decorating ideas. I believe model homes should be closed as we can still work and sell virtually "Durham county has already done this".

I can not safely stay 6' from many of these customers and they are intermingling.

I understand letting realtors do open houses but model homes are different.

I fear I will catch this virus and bring it home to my 3 small kids or spread it to my mom who I take care of. I also see most of these folks are not wanting to buy they are just burning time.

My model is open by appointment only but they see cars in my parking lot and they come anyways.

I have expressed concerns with my employer and they say this isnt a big deal but it is. We are also lacking hand sanitizer and I am bringing my own from home.

I have reached out to other sales reps at other builders across wake county. All have said they are in the same situation.

Please close model homes we can and will still sell virtually.

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Is there any way you could make more strict rules about staying in? I work for an essential business, and there are still way too many people coming out that shouldn't be. Especially on weekends. Not only are they putting themselves at risk but also putting me and my co workers, and others as well. Thank you.

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On Fareed Zakaria this past weekend, I was inspired to learn that the small nation of Estonia, leveraged the talent of their Open Data Community to start a hackathon, which led to a more efficient way to view Pandemic data, to create very innovative apps, that yes, can all help us get resources more quickly, and to the right people, infected by Covid 19.

Even AI and Virtual Chat Bots were developed to address frequently asked questions, and to organize information for citizens. If Estonia, can lead in this way, certainly, the United States, particularly North Carolina (Research Triangle) can rise up to the challenge! These efforts have led to the the COVID-19 Global Hackathon, an opportunity for developers to build software solutions that drive social impact, with the aim of tackling some of the challenges related to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

I am encouraging and asking our Wake County Innovation team led by Bill Greeves to encourage our Open Data community of Wake County – to participate in the Global Hackathon. I also thank NC RIOT for starting the Moon Shot Mission, asking tech entrepreneurs with solutions for Covid 19 to apply for the Riot Accelerator.

Perhaps, we can have our own Wake County Hackathon or call upon our State Department of IT (NCDIT) and Wake County cities to launch their own Covid 19 hackathons.

If there was ever a time for us to leverage the abundance of technological talent in our County, the time is now.

The hackathon welcomes locally and globally focused solutions, and is open to all developers - with support from technology companies and platforms including AWS, Facebook, Giphy, Microsoft, Pinterest, Salesforce, Slack, TikTok, Twitter and WeChat, who will be sharing resources to support participants throughout the submission period.

For more information: https://globalcovidhackathon.slack.com/join/shared_invite/zt-d25lrhkl-UAKm

Steve Rao, Council Member, Former Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Morrisville

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I first want to thank the county for allocating the assistance for those families living in hotels and motels, but also want to asks bot the city and the county about assistance for those families renting homes. I understand that homeowners are given a little assistance but in the end have to pay those back Mortgages. This of course will fall back on the citizens of this community who are rentals.

In speaking with my representatives there is no real designation of funds to support these families who have been working families paying takes, who will be at risk of facing homelessness at no fault of their own. These people can not sign up because of the overload on the unemployment on line services, which means they will not have monies until about four of five months. If these people have to pay back the rent o the landLords there will be an epidemic of homelessness among what have been working class people. We can not say that housing can be found for this population as well as those who are already homeless. if we do not seek funding at both the county, city and federal level to support people in these unanticipated emergencies then we will not only increase the epidemic of the homeless crisis, but will create a public health pandemic of another sort, increase problems within our mental health system, increase crisis on on schools in their Mc Kinney-Vento and so many more problems that I feel we we not prepared to deal with.
