

Citizen Comments for the  
June 9, 2020 Special Meeting Agenda

## Board of County Commissioners, June 9, 2020 Citizen Comments

Agenda Item 1	Name: Haley Lauw
	Address: 1302 Raa Avenue
	Date Submitted: 6/6/2020 12:58:48 PM

Commissioners,

Times are troubling.

I implore you to expand your June 9 meeting agenda on the Phase 2 re-opening to include the frankly obscene budget for our city's police department and what actions will be taken to support the needs of your community.

My voice was just one of many that were heard outside of City Hall demanding that our elected officials hold our police department, and current Chief Lawrence Revell, accountable.

We need you to revise the city budget and allocate funding from TPD to sustaining our community.

We need you to advocate for justice to be served regarding all deaths caused by TPD officers.

We need you to strive for transparency.

Three deaths at the hands of officers within the span of two months is obscene and I am disappointed that the clear demands of my neighbors, friends, and community leaders are being ignored.

As a professor, I work hard to ensure that my students are informed and supported; we should feel no less from our elected officials.

I hope that you will take advantage of this moment to address the countless community members whose lives your decisions effect.

Warmly,

Haley Lauw

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Agenda Item 1	Name: Patricia Bludworth
	Address: 3525 Dogwood Valley Trl
	Date Submitted: 6/7/2020 10:46:45 AM

PLEASE re-start the mosquito spraying for homeowners yards. We can not even walk out the door. Just coming in and out of the house, the mosquitoes come into the house and garage.  
this is a huge health concern. Thank you.

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Agenda Item 1	Name: James Miller
	Address: 3705 Riverton Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/7/2020 3:38:07 PM

Commissioners,

Thank you for your tremendous efforts in keeping Leon County safe during this pandemic. As our community continues to reopen and recover — the number of COVID-19 cases continues to remain extremely low for a region our size, and residents continue embracing physical distancing requirements — I feel it's vital we support one of our most vulnerable groups, our youth, by allowing the return of youth team sports. Our children had their seasons impacted by the pandemic and I feel it important to allow them to get back a fun part of their lives by playing sports again. My children play in Chaires Little League and, as a coach in that league, I feel very confident we can keep both the children and fans safe during a resumed season. This is important for our kids, it's important for us as parents, and it's important for our communities to bring back a return to normal. I encourage you to show faith in the parents, coaches and kids by allowing the continuation of youth sports in Leon County.

James Miller

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Agenda Item 1	Name: larry fischera
	Address: 1849 miller landing rd
	Date Submitted: 6/7/2020 6:58:37 PM

hi  
would you open the gym at forest meadows?  
we can ware face masks, go at descinated times.  
thank you  
larry Fischera

## Board of County Commissioners, June 9, 2020 Citizen Comments

Agenda Item 1	Name: Doug Rose
	Address: 5417 pedrick crossing dr
	Date Submitted: 6/7/2020 7:51:09 PM

Continue to suspend youth sports. We have seen a spike in cases from people not practicing social distancing since reopening areas. It is not worth the risk.

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Agenda Item 1	Name: Nancy Helbling
	Address: 3072 Elmwood Road
	Date Submitted: 6/7/2020 11:12:19 PM

We would love for the county to give the go ahead for Chaires baseball and other sports. We understand that precautions due to Covid would have to be implemented but hopefully the kids can get some fun playing baseball and being with friends.

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Agenda Item 1	Name: Gregory Peters
	Address: 3613 Mossy Creek Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 2:51:42 AM

As a parent of children who desperately need to play T ball, comraderie, and exercise, I beg of you to allow playgrounds and little league baseball/softball/t ball to occur. Thank you!



## Board of County Commissioners, June 9, 2020 Citizen Comments

Agenda Item 1	Name: Bruce Campbell
	Address: 8837 Green Acorn
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 5:01:04 AM

Please open the ball parks for Little League baseball.  
Please let the kids play ball.  
Let us comply with social distancing, but  
Let the kids play ball.  
Parents who don't want their kids to paly , don't have to, but  
Please let the kids play ball!!!  
Thank you

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Agenda Item 1	Name: Michele Garber
	Address: 1101 Sandler Ridge Road
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 7:07:53 AM

I would just like to hear the reasons why, after the Governor choose to allow youth sports, that each of you continue to prevent this from happening. What facts are you basing these decisions on? Currently, Leon County has an overall 2.4% positivity rate with over 18,000 people tested. From what I can tell there have been five new hospitalizations over a greater than two week period (I don't have my County reports with me now-we were on 33 hospitalizations for a long time I do recall). Yes, the county had a few days with spikes of high numbers on very large data dump dates but those days are usually surrounded by low numbers. All of this while the County has been opened in full Phase 1. Do we know how many Covid-19 patients are currently in our two local hospitals? That would be a useful number to know when making these extremely strict decisions. I would love for someone to present that data to the Commissioners.

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Agenda Item 1	Name: Ron Burger
	Address: 6692 Crooked Creek Road Tallahassee 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 8:14:49 AM

In your consideration of opening up recreational activities, especially for our children, I would recommend strong consideration of holding off at this point in time; if you must, you probably need to limit it to outdoor types only, with certain rules as far as numbers, distance, and lots of hand washing available. I also believe that you should have considered requiring face coverings before entering any indoor public facility and it is not too late.

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Agenda Item 1	Name: Stephen Jensen
	Address: 11797 Fox Meadow Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 12:01:53 PM

My son has been traveling for the last few weeks playing with his travel ball team all over the state of Florida. There have been no issues - people have been following guidelines from the state and organizations running tournaments. Several travel teams from Tallahassee have been going to these tournaments and I haven't heard anyone having problems or getting sick.

Please let the kids return to playing so they can return to some sort of normalcy. So many lives have been impacted by the virus and some return to normal would help everyone feel human again.

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Agenda Item 1	Name: Robert Vos
	Address: 2122 Drayton Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 1:14:26 PM

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to "speak" on the issue of the reopening of Youth Sports in Leon County, particularly baseball. For disclosure purposes, I sit on the Board of Chaires-Capitola Little League and have been involved in the league over the past 5 years. Chaires-Capitola Little League is an important part of our community, we have hundreds of kids and families that rely on the Board to provide a safe environment for our players. The Board has and will always continue to ensure safety is our number one priority on and off the ball field.

On May 22 the Governor issued the Organized Youth Activities Executive Order, which indicated organized youth activities may operate, including youth sports teams and leagues, youth clubs and programs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may operate including, but not limited to, those defined 409.175 and 513.02, Florida Statutes, respectively, we thought we were only days away from playing ball again. Unfortunately 3 weeks have passed and the County has yet to allow our children to play baseball.

Whether it is known or unknown to the County, many other youth baseball teams in the City of Tallahassee and Leon County not affiliated with Chaires-Capitola have already commenced adhering to the Governor's Executive Order. It's Now time for the County to allow our kids to play baseball again. In addition, countless counties throughout Florida have opened up youth sports and are hosting weekend long tournaments. Leon County should be doing the same. It's time to open up Youth Sporting Activities in Leon County.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Kindest Regards,  
Robert Vos

## Board of County Commissioners, June 9, 2020 Citizen Comments

Agenda Item 1	Name: Therese Kemper
	Address: 3162 Duxbury Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 3:12:31 PM

Thank you for your thoughtful and hard work. I just wanted to comment briefly on the enthusiasm from the community that I have heard for reopening little league baseball at Chaires. Although it would be nice to play, the data indicate it is not yet safe to do so given the continued spread of the virus. From my vantage point, the "reopen" voices are louder, but there are those of us who would like to see this move slowly, for the sake of everyone's safety, and do not think reopening Chaires for regular play is wise or safe. Thank you!

## Board of County Commissioners, June 9, 2020 Citizen Comments

Agenda Item 1	Name: Emily Evans
	Address: 6643 Pisgah Church Road
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 8:11:38 PM

I am a parent of two little boys. We would like the opportunity to have access to parks again. I feel that if Daycare's and summer camps are allowed to be opened then public parks should open up as well. We as parents decide what is best for our family however, I feel that to open everything else but deny our children ways to return to normal is ignoring their needs. I understand some do not feel the same and that is their decision just as it is to participate in the opening of other things for adults. I would at least like the option to decide if my family could play on the playground.

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Agenda Item 1	Name: Valerie Sauro
	Address: 1133 Doves Hollow Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 8:19:38 PM

As parents we should have the option to bring our children to the playground. Some of us as parents have children like myself that have ADHD, and need somewhere to run and burn off their energy. A park is an open space, where kids should be allowed to be kids ! As long as parents sanitize / wash their children's hands after leaving the park and try to maintain somewhat of a social distance then the kids should be fine. To the parents that don't want to bring their children that's their choice to keep them away, but don't take that choice away from ALL kids ! If they can go to summer camps, and other open facilities such as movie theaters, etc then the playgrounds should be an option as well.! Please open back up the playgrounds for the children !!

Also If your able to, see about the county pools opening as well, chlorine and the open air shouldn't cause spread of the virus, and if the parents again aren't comfortable bringing their kids to the pools then they don't have to there either. Again, a pool is another outlet for children to stay cool in our hot summers here in Florida.



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Agenda Item 1	Name: Jennifer Hopgood
	Address: 4016 Sonnet Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 8:47:32 PM

As an Early Childhood Educator and a mother of a preschool age child, I would like to request consideration in opening our community's playgrounds. Though I understand the rationale behind the extended closure and appreciate the county's aid in keeping us safe and healthy, I believe the playgrounds need to be opened much sooner than phase 3. Please give parents the choice. I can go to the gym, go bowling and go to a bar now if I choose, but I can't take my child to an outdoor playground. More trust needs to be put in the citizens as we have much more knowledge of how to stay safe than we did three months ago. We are capable of gauging risk and making informed, educated decisions in regards to our health and safety. Please consider reopening the playgrounds and trust your citizens to be responsible and practice social distancing. Please let our children play. Thank you.

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Agenda Item 1	Name: Ashley Adams
	Address: 16234 Blountstown Hwy
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 10:04:41 PM

In regards to playgrounds I believe it would be beneficial for child to have the playground to run and play freely to not only burn off energy but take their minds off of all the negativity they have endured during the pandemic.

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Agenda Item 1	Name: Brandy Furbee
	Address: 10767 WADESBORO RD
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 10:16:51 PM

Just writing to let you all know my family supports the reopening of youth sports in the county. These children really need the physical and mental exercise that comes with playing sports - now more than ever! We appreciate your consideration.

## Board of County Commissioners, June 9, 2020 Citizen Comments

Agenda Item 1	Name: Heather Bosenko
	Address: 1974 Bushy Hall rd
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 10:25:25 PM

Would really love to see our playgrounds open up again!

## Board of County Commissioners, June 9, 2020 Citizen Comments

Agenda Item 1	Name: Keva Ambre
	Address: 3662 BILTMORE AVE.
	Date Submitted: 6/8/2020 11:42:42 PM

Distinguished Commissioners,

For the sake of our children's mental and physical health, I am writing to ask you to please reopen playgrounds in Leon county.

As you know, other counties across the state have reopened playgrounds. Seminole County is one example. Also, following the recent Phase II reopening from DeSantis, bars, gyms and even indoor playhouses are reopening. And on May 14, 2020, DeSantis lifted restrictions on youth activities through Executive Order 20-131. With all the openings happening, it is a mystery to us parents as to why our playgrounds remained fenced off.

In a press conference on May 22, 2020, DeSantis stated: "We believe (reopening youth activities) makes sense based on the data and observed experience. We are not going to be instituting a lot of rules, or really any rules. At the end of the day, we trust parents to be able to make decisions in conjunction with physicians."

Would you please trust Leon County parents to be able to make decisions for our children on the use of our county's playgrounds?

I thank you in advance for reopening playgrounds.

Sincerely,

Keva Ambre, mom of three, ages 2, 5 & 14