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Dear Sparks City Council and Mayor Lawson,

Yesterday, the Las Vegas Review reported that Nevada's positive Coronavirus testing rates have *again* fallen below 10%. Out of the 301 reported "new cases," 242 of those were in Clark County. I'm curious as to what the Sparks City Council is doing to get our businesses, schools and churches operating at capacity again? What efforts are you making to get the people who elected you back to work, academia and worship services? Numerous states like South Dakota, Tennessee, Florida and Texas implemented a far more conservative covid response with no greater consequences to the public. I'm not going to argue whether our Governor's approach was more appropriate but the "safety" restrictions he imposed upon us have been in place for **nearly a year**. Why is the City of Sparks not demanding that we be allowed to fully resume our lives and activities? Not only has the Governor continued to dictate how our residents make a living, educate their children and serve God, but he has allowed our public officials to hide behind the covid curtain and take no responsibility for the public angst. So again, what is the Sparks City Council doing to preserve the economic livelihood and spiritual wellbeing of their constituents? The government has used this pandemic to all but silence the people's voices. The opportunity to address our public officials face to face has been eliminated and censorship is stifling much of the truth. Because of this, the public relies upon officials such yourselves to speak for us. Is there not one of you who possesses the courage to stand up and say enough? Are you simply going to conduct yourselves as though everything is fine and wait for the Governor's next order, or will you do the job the public elected you to do and actively address their needs? City Hall belongs to the people and it needs to open. The City Council was elected by the people of Sparks to serve on their behalf, not to hide behind facemasks and Zoom. Shameful.

Thank you,

E. Sotelo