

## Heather Dawson

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**From:** Kris Wirth <kriswirth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 06, 2021 6:27 AM  
**To:** Heather Dawson  
**Subject:** Immigration Resolution

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

City of Hailey,

I believe it would be in Hailey's best interest to postpone Mayor Burke's Immigration Proclamation until our new Federal Administration has a chance to implement new policy. If the proposal had been initiated in the previous four years I would be more supportive of the action. As things stand now I feel it would show a lack of support for a new administration, and a new president I have worked very hard to elect and am supportive of. Thank You Kris Wirth, 521 Aspen Drive Hailey, Idaho.

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**From:** Mary Cone  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2021 9:41 AM  
**To:** Heather Dawson; Martha Burke  
**Subject:** FW: Personal Attention: Mayor Burk

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From: Nelda K Kendall <nelda.kay2017@gmail.com>  
Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2021 3:18 PM  
To: Mary Cone <mary.cone@haileycityhall.org>  
Subject: Personal Attention: Mayor Burk

Dear Mayor Burk,

It was with pride in you, our Mayor, our City Council, and our community in general that I read the Message from the Mayor in the envelope with our monthly utility bill. I am honored to live right here in Hailey, full-time since several years ago.

The Resolution you have requested is exactly what is needed to address the realities of a portion of our community that is almost "invisible." Yet they are the ones who help keep our economy going, who work to support their families just like the rest of us, who pay taxes of all kinds, and who need to be respected as completely "visible" persons. They are also the persons, who from the color of their skin, their accent, or their inability to speak English well are considered by some as "less than." Many of their children go to school here, nearly just as many as the children of Anglo families. Some were born far away, and others, like me, were born in the US to parents from other countries. I am a Mexican American with an Anglo father and a well-educated mother who immigrated in her own right from Mexico, before marrying my father. Incidentally, my father was born in Victoria de Las Tunas, Oriente, Cuba, to US missionary parents making him automatically a US citizen. Both parents spoke both languages, Spanish and English.

My heritage doesn't show as obviously as that of other Latinx. The reason is that I lost the Garcia Treviño part of my mother's name. It is not the custom in this country to use the matrilineal surname for a unmarried woman. When I married I took my husband's surname, Kendall, instead of my father's, Watson. In Mexico, when single, I would have been Nelda Watson Garcia, with the surnames of both of my parents. I have studied, and speak, both languages, and have used both actively in my careers as a U. S. Congressional staff person, and as a Los Angeles County Deputy Public Defender. My bi-cultural /bi-lingual heritage has enriched my life.

I support the work you are doing to leave federal functions to federal officials and to leave local administrative work, and safety and protection functions to our City Personnel with no crossover.

Thank you for what you are doing.

Nelda Kendall  
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**From:** Steve England  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2021 1:54 PM  
**To:** Heather Dawson  
**Cc:** Christopher Simms  
**Subject:** FW: resolution discussion.  
**Attachments:** hailey resolution 2.8.21.pdf

Just FYI! It looks like on his initial email to the mayor and council neither of you were on there. Thought you might like to see this.

*Steve England*

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**From:** Jim Hill <jimhill81@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2021 1:19 PM  
**To:** Steve England <steve.england@haileycityhall.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: resolution discussion.

hi steve ..... first, thx to you and all the guys you supervise.....

i have a question regarding the resolution pending at city hall. see attached. is there a problem that you have brought forward? are they addressing your concerns? i'm sort of confused and would appreciate your input. i normally would never support not enforcing our laws. co-operation between law enforcement is necessary for our safety ... i thought?

thx ... jim

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**resolution pending 2.8.21**

1 message

**Jim Hill** <jimhill81@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 10:14 AM

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dear mayor and council ..... i was dumbfounded when i read our latest city message from the mayor..... what does this mean? what is the defined problem? we need more information to participate in this very complex issue and now is not the time with limited access to meetings and reasonable discussion. who likes a zoom meeting?

my initial impression is that you are attempting to declare our city a 'sacturary city' without defining any problem. and if that is correct (please tell me i'm wrong) then please explain why any responsible government would suggest that we should not comply with all the laws of our land.

those that may have a problem should change the law not decide what laws we choose to follow or not. that would be totally unreasonable and unjustifiable. what kind of an example for our children? i'm hoping my taxes are being used to fund our police to follow all the laws.... not just some.

i look forward to your explanation ..... thx for listening.

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**Subject:** FW: Attachments for comments for Fritz  
**Attachments:** Gooding 2nd Amendment City.pdf; North Idaho Mask Mandate.pdf

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**From:** Haemmerle Front Desk <desk@haemlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2021 11:53 AM  
**To:** Heather Dawson <heather.dawson@haileycityhall.org>  
**Subject:** Attachments for comments for Fritz

Good morning!

Please see the attached articles that Fritz Haemmerle wants to refer to as public comment.

Kindest regards,

Heather Johnston,  
Legal Assistant to Fritz X. Haemmerle

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## Gooding declares itself a 'Second Amendment sanctuary city'

Zac Ezzone  
Jan 31, 2021



A salesman shows some of the store's more popular concealed carry weapons June 30, 2016, at Red's Trading Post in downtown Twin Falls.

DREW NASH, TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO

Zac Ezzone

**G**OODING — The city recently joined a growing list of municipalities in Idaho that have passed resolutions declaring themselves “Second Amendment sanctuary cities.”

The Gooding City Council unanimously **approved a resolution** making this declaration during its Jan. 19 meeting. Mayor Jeff Brekke said the point is to affirm the city’s support of the second amendment, as well as the city’s opposition to laws that the council feels infringe on residents’ rights to bear arms.

“We just want to make it known that we don’t support any infringements on the Second Amendment or any other amendment for that matter,” Brekke said.

Although the resolution is most symbolic, Brekke said, it does include some directives to city staff.

For example, the resolution states that the city won’t devote resources to enforcing state and federal laws or executive orders related to the Second Amendment if the city thinks they are unconstitutional. The resolution also states that the city won’t assist any federal or state agency in enforcing laws it finds to be unconstitutional, unless somebody’s life is in danger.

The resolution outlines some of the types of laws the city would oppose — such as ones that would ban guns or accessories that are already available to the public — but Brekke said ultimately it’ll be up to the City Council to determine what laws it finds unconstitutional and would therefore not enforce.

Scott Graf, a spokesperson for the Idaho Attorney General’s Office, declined to comment on whether, cities and counties have the ability to decide what laws they will or will not enforce.

Brekke called the situation a gray area. But he said every local, state and federal employee takes an oath to uphold the Constitution, including the second amendment.

President Joe Biden taking office this month played a role in the city's decision to pass this resolution, the mayor said. So far, in just over a week in office, the president has signed more than 30 executive orders and directives, none of which deal with guns or the Second Amendment.

Nonetheless, with Biden in office and a Democratic majority in Congress, gun control legislation with likely come up sooner than later. Biden outlines some of his priorities in this regard on **his website**. These include requiring background checks for all gun sales and banning the sale of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

On Jan. 21, the day after Biden took office, Lincoln County Sheriff Rene King said in a Facebook post that he received nearly two dozen calls from residents concerned about their gun rights. King told the *Times-News* that people said they were concerned the federal government was going to take away their guns.

But cities in Idaho, and throughout the country, began moving forward with these resolutions prior to the presidential election and Biden taking office.

Gooding appears to be the sixth municipality in Idaho to declare itself a Second Amendment sanctuary city. In July 2020, the city of Star in Ada County became the first to pass this type of resolution. Since then, Nampa, Eagle, Kuna and Saint Anthony have also passed similar resolutions, according to reporting from **the Idaho Press**.

Brekke said Gooding partially passed the resolution to show its support for these other cities.

“Folks have said the Idaho Constitution prevents (certain laws from passing), and it does,” Brekke said. “But this is more about showing support for the Idaho Constitution and other cities that have (passed these resolutions.)”

Twin Falls is one city that won't be taking up this issue. During the Jan. 19 City Council meeting, a resident urged the council to declare Twin Falls a Second Amendment sanctuary city. Council members shot down his request.

The majority of council members said it wasn't the city's place to weigh in on the constitutional amendments.

In a statement to the *Times-News*, council member Greg Lanting said he wouldn't vote in favor of any resolution that the declares Twin Falls as a sanctuary city.

“The gentleman (on Jan. 19) had a fairly benign resolution,” Lanting said. “But it still had us as a city or council deciding whether something is unconstitutional. That is the job of the courts.”

Coincidentally, at the same meeting, the council also **declined to take action** on a local pastor's anti-abortion proposal to declare Twin Falls a sanctuary city for all preborn children.



IDAHO NEWS

## New sheriff refuses to enforce North Idaho county's 'unenforceable' mask mandate

BY BROOKE WOLFORD

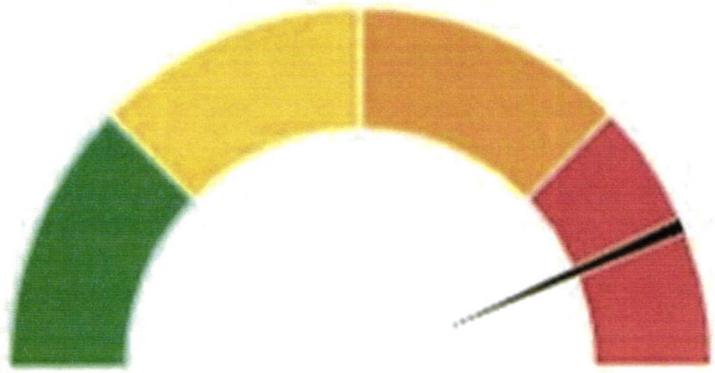
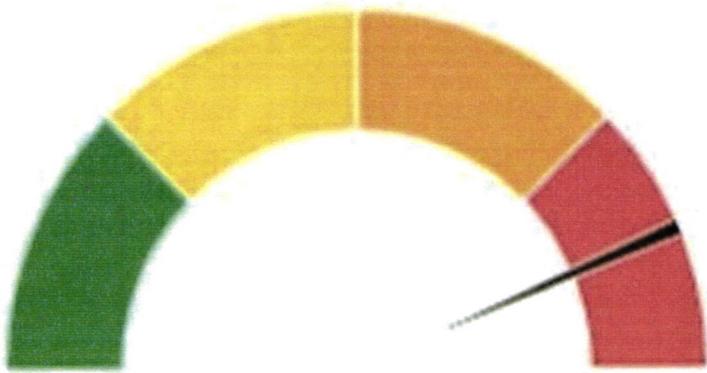
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The new Kootenai County Sheriff has announced he will not have his deputies enforce the local mask mandate, saying it is "unenforceable." PANHANDLE HEALTH DISTRICT COVID-19 DASHBOARD

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A newly elected sheriff in North Idaho announced he will not enforce his county's mask mandate, saying it is "unenforceable" and most people who get it only have mild cases, according to a Facebook post from the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office.

“The Kootenai County Sheriff’s Office will not enforce an unenforceable law or executive mandate on its citizens. It is not law enforcement’s job to get between you, your health and your doctor. Period,” Robert Norris, who won election during the general election in November, said in a statement. “It is my opinion that the facts are becoming clear with [COVID-19] — certain risk groups should take extra precautions, but the vast majority of healthy people who contract [COVID-19] will experience flu symptoms and recover from the virus.”

The sheriff also implied that he would not enforce restrictions on social gatherings, state COVID-19 business guidelines or restrictions on religious services, according to the statement.

“The ... (KCSO) role in our community is not to count how many people are in your home or how a private business conducts itself to make a living for the business or its employees,” Norris said. “The Kootenai County Sheriff’s Office will never interfere with religious gatherings.”

The state is in phase 2 of Gov. Brad Little’s “Idaho Rebounds” plan, according to the state’s website. During this phase:

- Individuals are encouraged to self-isolate — employers should encourage teleworking and allow for accommodations to vulnerable individuals;
- “Bars, restaurants and nightclubs can operate with seating only;”
- Gatherings of more than 10 people, private and public, are prohibited;
- Long-term care facilities cannot operate without requiring masks.

The Panhandle Health District, the public health authority for Kootenai, Benewah, Bonner, Boundary and Shoshone counties, instituted a mask mandate on Nov. 19, according to the agency’s website. The mask order was set to expire this month, and the Board of Health will vote whether to extend it Jan. 28, Katherine Hoyer, the spokesperson for Panhandle Health, told McClatchy News in an email.

The health district has reported 17,961 cases of COVID-19 as of Monday, with 94 current hospitalizations and 192 deaths since the start of the pandemic. All

counties under the district's jurisdiction are considered to be at the “substantial” COVID-19 risk level, according to Panhandle's website.



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