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Subject: [EXTERNAL] COVID: Tax payers need an opportunity to speak and debate

City of London Mayor and Councillors,

As a city of London tax payer, I am gravely concerned that decisions are being made that are not being thoroughly vetted or discussed.

Not once was I able to have an opinion or to vote on how the city handled the COVID situation.

You have silenced the debate and have disregarded the opinions of those who are paying for all of this.

You are marginalizing a long list of groups right now:

- 1. Independent and small businesses
- 2. Churches
- 3. Retirement Homes and Long-term Care homes
- 4. Deaf Community
- 5. Parents
- 6. Children
- 7. Special needs children
- 8. Special needs adults
- 9. Private sector workers

You have shut down the discussion and the debate. Your narrative is one of fear and not of facts.

We need to voice our concern about the effects of masking, restrictions, and lockdowns. They are not based on science or the facts. The numbers of deaths do NOT warrant masks, restrictions, or further lockdowns. This is NOT a pandemic. You only need to look at the death numbers to know this. Start making decisions that are based on facts and not fear.

This MUST be discussed by all sides and not left up to a select few making these decisions for us.

We need second opinions and open discussions from the medical field AS WELL AS small business owners, wellness providers, church goers, those with family in LTC, etc.

Open up this discussion to those who are tax payers. Stop hiding behind closed doors and your rhetoric.