

①

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Tim Lovelass <tlovelass@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 9, 2022 4:21 PM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for health board meeting

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

I'm sending this email for the support of bringing back the health dist to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor building department for the purpose of making it a one stop shop on building permits and in the hope we can speed up the process.



**Tim Lovelass**

Owner

Tim Lovelass Construction  
CWHBA Remodeler of the Year  
2019/2021  
Building Industry Association of WA.-  
Remodeler of the Year 2021

---



-  [509-969-9227](tel:509-969-9227)
-  [tlovelass@hotmail.com](mailto:tlovelass@hotmail.com)
-  [www.timlovelassconst.com](http://www.timlovelassconst.com)
-  605 W. "A" Street, Yakima, WA 98902

2

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Clint J. Adamson <clint@pleasantridgeconstruction.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 7:33 AM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Cc:** Marivel Garcia; David Haws; Thomas Carroll; Jacob Clay; John Walkenhauer; Jason Earles  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm.  
**Attachments:** Clint Adamson.vcf  
  
**Importance:** High

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

To whom it may concern;  
c/o Ryan Ibach,

YES, PLEASE re-instate YHD physical presence on the Courthouse 4<sup>th</sup> Floor:

Builders like me, our customers, and Yakima County taxpayers have been extremely challenged with the separation of YHD and the Yakima Co. Building Dept. The back and forth, across town is not the only issue: Additional knowledge and understanding of the others process and having a "liaison" at the county building department will alleviate many of the challenges we have with the current system.

Best Regards,

Clint Adamson, Owner-General Manager  
**PLEASANT RIDGE CONSTRUCTION, LLC**



General Contractor LIC # PLEASRC882N3

223 W. Wine Country Rd.  
Grandview WA 98930  
OFFICE: 509-203-6073  
MOBILE: 509-305-1068  
EMAIL: [Clint@PleasantRidgeConstruction.com](mailto:Clint@PleasantRidgeConstruction.com)  
[www.PleasantRidgeConstruction.com](http://www.PleasantRidgeConstruction.com)

3

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Felip Holbrook <fholbrook@bhhscentral.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 11:32 AM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** YHD to the Courthouse

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

Hi Ryan,

I just want to add support to having a permanent YHD presence at the County Planning Department. To help Yakima County be competitive with other counties, this needs to happen. It is also a question of offering great customer service. I have heard quite a few complaints about residents having to go multiple places to get necessary permits to begin construction.

Hope you are doing well. You're in a tough position during all this insanity.

Regards,

Felip Holbrook  
Government Affairs Chair  
Yakima Association of REALTORS®

(509) 969-0033  
[fholbrook@bhhscentral.com](mailto:fholbrook@bhhscentral.com)

4

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Kari James <kari@klinellc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 1:36 PM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

Ryan,  
it would be very helpful in our course of business to reinstate YHD physical presence on the Courthouse 4th floor. Please consider voting yes for the proposal.

Thank you,  
Kari James  
Kline Construction & Associates  
407 West I Street - Yakima, WA 98902  
509-575-7775

5

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Hordan Planning Services <hordanplanningservices@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 1:39 PM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Cc:** Lisa Freund  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Health Board Meeting - Thursday, January 13th, 5:30pm

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

Ryan – I have been informed that Yakima County and the Yakima Health District are considering the return of the physical presence of a Yakima Health District employee to the fourth floor of the courthouse. I recall the previous physical presence of a Health District employee on the fourth floor. Frankly, it worked very well and I have missed the presence since it ceased many years ago. This email is to inform you that I am in favor of returning the Yakima Health District presence to the fourth floor of the courthouse. It is very convenient and a necessary accessory service that is needed when applying for building permits and land use applications. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thanks, Bill Hordan 249-1919

6

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Tom Durant <tdurant@plsaofyakima.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 2:01 PM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

I am very much in favor of having a Health District representative available at the public services desk in the County Courthouse.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thomas R. Durant  
Planning Manager

PLSA Engineering & Surveying  
521 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 3  
Yakima, WA 98902  
(509) 575-6990  
tdurant@plsaofyakima.com

7

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Sue Fenich <sfenich@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 3:23 PM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm.

CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.

I would like the Health Board to re-instate YHD's physical presence on the Courthouse 4th Floor.  
Susan Fenich

Sent from my iPhone

8

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Dana Sveum <danas@crsconst.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 3:40 PM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm.

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

I would like the Health Board to re-instate YHD's physical presence on the Courthouse 4th Floor.

Dana J. Sveum, PE  
Columbia River Steel & Construction, Inc.  
509-882-4680



9

**Ryan Ibach**

**From:** Tim Fleenor <tpfservices@live.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:17 AM.  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm.

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

I would like the Health Board to re-instate YHD's physical presence on the Courthouse 4th Floor.

Sincerely,

Tim Fleenor - Owner



Cell Phone: 509-307-0475

Website: tpfservicesllc.com



**BBB Rating: A+**  
08/15/2019  
Click for Profile



**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Chris Nass <chris@structuralcomp.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 10:05 AM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday, January 13th at 5:30 pm

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

Regarding this subject, I strongly encourage the Yakima County Health Board to re-instate a physical presence on the Courthouse 4th Floor.

I am in contact with dozens of builders daily. I hear most often, regarding local government, that the County has a two-step process that causes delays in time and continuity. The lack of connectivity between permitting and the Health District infuriates well-intended builders and their customers. This disjointed process causes *avoidable* and *costly* delays in both time and money.

Currently, the housing market is facing rapidly increasing housing costs. The County cannot mitigate many cost increases, but *the County can fix this process*. We must streamline the process by coupling various permitting steps into *one operation at one location*, the 4th floor of the courthouse.

This issue is not just about business; it's about homes. Providing shelter fulfills a basic need in our community, and the County government can help in this honorable endeavor. Our local vacancy rate is razor thin, and the number of available homes for sale is at historic lows. The resulting housing supply is tight and requires any relief that the County can realize. Please help builders **save** their customers both **time** and **money** by **consolidating the permit process into a single stop at one location** that includes the environmental health aspects.

Respectfully,

Chris Nass, Structural Components  
Member, Central Washington Home Builders Association  
Committee Chair, Affordable Housing Council of Central Washington

Chris Nass  
Marketing Manager  
Structural Components Inc.  
Chris@structuralcomp.com  
p. 509-457-8530  
2451 s. 38<sup>th</sup>. Ave.  
Yakima, WA. 98903  
Central Washington Roof Truss Specialists

11

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Debra Morris <dkmorris0204@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 10:37 AM  
**To:** Amanda McKinney; Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Covid Info

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

Mr Ibach,

I am requesting that this information that was put out by Senator Ron Johnson a member of our US Senate be given to the Yakima Board of Health at this weeks meeting. This information is factual and pertinent!

We must fully re-open and stop ALL masks & vaccine mandates.

The full government response at this point should only be mass production of monoclonal antibodies & distribution, make widely available all life saving treatments, & rehire all fired unvaxxed.

According to the CDC:

59,521,277 total cases in the US  
834,077 total deaths in the US

58,687,200 Americans have SURVIVED Covid, with an overall death rate of 1.4% & overall survival rate of 98.6%.

623,855 total deaths were 65+ yrs of age.

210,222 total deaths in ages 0-64, gives a death rate of ONLY .35% in those under age 65.

That is a SURVIVAL rate of 99.65% in all people ages 0-64 yrs of age, not taking out obesity related covid deaths, which obesity is the highest risk factor for hospitalization & death.

Also

Per the head of the CDC approximately 75% of the Covid deaths reported over 800,000 in the US were caused by other comorbidities and not the Covid virus!! More people than that die of the flu every year.

Thank you in advance.

Debra Morris

12

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Robyn Brown <info@allpropertyimprovementsllc.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:28 PM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm.

CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.

I would like the Health Board to take (re-instate YHD physical presence on the Courthouse 4th Floor).

The process would be more streamlined.

Robyn Brown

Sent from my iPhone

13

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Ronald D Pelson <ronald@traditionaldesignsinc.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:28 PM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm.

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

I would like the Health Board to re-instate YHD's physical presence on the Courthouse 4th Floor. With the number of project that I have had held up over septic clearances. When the paper work has been done for months a health district be for submitting go building permit getting the health district to find and link to case to give clearance is always a struggle.

Ronald Pelson

President of Traditional Designs Inc.

14



Owner: Justin Wolff  
171 Willowlawn Rd.  
Yakima, WA 98908  
(509) 961-3550  
NEWCRCL991DA

[justin@newcreationconst.com](mailto:justin@newcreationconst.com)

January 12, 2022

Yakima Health District  
1210 Ahtanum Ridge Dr  
Yakima, WA 98903

Attention Ryan:

We would like to add our comments in support of the proposed Health Board action: to re-instate YHD physical presence on the Courthouse 4th Floor.

We feel strongly that the representation of the YHD at the Permit/Planning offices would help streamline the entire Permitting process.

By returning to the practice of YHD staff involved with well/septic/building permit aspects with a physical desk presence in Yakima County Public Services downtown courthouse 4th floor confusion and frustration would be minimized.

The experience running back and forth between the different offices causes unnecessary confusion - each of these departments have specific requirements and if not stated properly with specific terminology can mean a delay getting answers. If there was a YHD rep on the 4th floor, then the questions could be answered directly with face to face conversation. With the Planning and YHD understanding the terminology that as a builder often used more casually

The YHD would also have a rep to answer the questions that come up when the 4th Floor is working to issue the Permit.

Sincerely looking forward to "one stop shop"

*Jennifer Ulmer*

Jennifer Ulmer  
Office Manager

15

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Nyree Shannon <nyree@findssa.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 3:42 PM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm.

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

"I Nyree Shannon, support the decision to place a full-time Yakima Health District staff member on the 4th floor of Yakima County Public Services to assist with well/septic reviews." This would hopefully create quicker reviews, and a more professional atmosphere. I have not had a very pleasurable time in the YHD main office. I refuse to go there. The front office staff have been unprofessional and unorganized. I would also appreciate the ability to pay by credit card over the phone. This has been a huge inconvenience for us.

--  
*Sincerely,*

*Nyree Shannon  
509.380.9199  
[nyree@findssa.net](mailto:nyree@findssa.net)  
Permit Technician  
Steel Structures America, Inc.*



16

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Doug Miller <doug@findssa.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:59 AM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm.

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm.

I, Doug Miller ( Steel Structures America ) supports the decision to place a full-time Yakima Health District staff member on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Yakima County Public Services to assist with well/septic reviews. This will help with creating a streamlined process for permit approvals.

Thank you  
Doug Miller  
Steel Structures America  
(509) 853 9085



17

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Jeff Kerns <jeffk@findssa.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 9:29 AM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

I, Jeff Kerns, support the decision to place a full-time Yakima Health District staff member on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Yakima County Public Services to assist with well/septic reviews.

This would help make the permit process run smoother.

Thank you,  
-Jeff Kerns  
Sales and Project Management  
Steel Structures America, Zillah Office serving Yakima County  
509-949-2220  
[jeffk@findssa.net](mailto:jeffk@findssa.net)

18

**Ryan Ibach**

**From:** Chelsea Snodgrass <csnodgrass@cwhba.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 10:18 AM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm.  
**Importance:** High

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

Good morning Ryan,

I am sure your inbox is flooded with emails regarding the support and encouragement to have the Health Board re-instate a physical presence at the county's 4<sup>th</sup> floor. And mine is no different. Our builders are frustrated with the go-back and forth and the disjointed process which cause *avoidable* and *costly* delays in both time and money. Please help builders **save** their customers both **time** and **money** by **consolidating the permit process into a single stop at one location** that includes the environmental and health aspects.

This issue is not just about business; it's about homes. Providing shelter fulfills a basic need in our community, and the County government can help in this honorable endeavor.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



**Chelsea Snodgrass**  
**Executive Officer**  
3301 W. Nob Hill Boulevard Yakima, WA 98902  
O. 509-454-4006 | C. 509-388-7775  
**www.CWHBA.org**  
*"Building and supporting our communities since 1955."*



My name is Cristian Sanchez. I am a junior at Toppenish High School. I am writing to address masks which are an issue affecting the people in our county. Masks are mandated, making it unconstitutional and a violation of a person's rights and they do not work. MIT found the risk of being exposed to covid is as great at 60 feet as it is at 6 feet even when wearing a mask. The University of Minnesota center for infectious disease research and policy director Michael Osterholm said cloth and paper masks do not work to stop the spread of the disease. Which of course was admitted by Dr. Fauci when he said "store bought masks do little to stop the spread." A 2010 study by Cambridge University found some experimental evidence that masks should be able to reduce infectiousness under controlled conditions, however there is little evidence on whether this translates to effectiveness in natural settings.

Now I would like to talk about the effects masks have on our children. When you cover the lower half of the face of both the teacher and student it reduces the ability to communicate. Children lose the experience of mimicking expressions, which is an essential tool of non-verbal communication making both positive and negative emotions less recognizable. A study by Brown University found isolation and face masks will create a generation of children with lower IQs and deficient social skills. Doctors found children developing during covid-lockdowns are showing deficient verbal and motor skills as well as reduced cognitive performance. Is this really what you want for your children?

As a student, a brother, and as someone who works with children, this mask mandate is a personal issue for me. Your children are forced to wear masks which have been known to reduce intake of oxygen which leads to carbon dioxide toxicity, affect the respiratory system, and trap germs near the mouth and nose. If you want to believe masks are effective, then that's your right but think about what happens when your child puts their mask down on a table that someone sneezed on or coughed, or if they touch contaminated areas and touch their face. Those germs will only be trapped there for hours. A lot of your children are in sports right now and forced to wear masks. Does that really make sense to you? I know this little girl who has asthma, and she is often told to sit out of physical activities because of her condition, but she is told to wear a mask no matter what. What if that was your child? Would you really want that? Some of you might have children who have asthma, do you really want them to wear a mask that reduces their intake of oxygen? And does everyone really want their children to live with the long-term effects

of masks? I only ask you to do your research on masks and reach out to our board members to demand they remove the mask mandate from our schools.

Thank you for your time.

20

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** john@albaexcavating.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 10:26 AM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Public comment for Health Board meeting on Thursday January 13th at 5:30pm.

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

I am NOT recommending the Health Board to re-instate YHD's physical presence on the Courthouse 4th Floor.

Respectfully

John R. Alba

Alba's Excavating

21

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Alexandria Rayford <asrayford@kimatv.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 11:25 AM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Written Communications- January 13th

CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.

Good Morning Ryan, I hope you are doing well! My name is Alexandria and I am a reporter with KIMA-TV. I saw the press release sent out in regards to the board of health meeting and wanted to pass the following questions along to the board of health to hopefully address tomorrow:

- 1) What is the current positivity rate for COVID-19 in Yakima County?
- 2) How many people have been tested at each site in Yakima per day since the start of the year?
- 3) Why has there been such an increase of people going to get tested for COVID-19? We've noticed a long line of people outside a testing site on S 1st Street in the last few days along with a number of cars lined up at the state fair site on Monday afternoon.
- 4) How many vaccinated people and unvaccinated people have tested positive for COVID-19?
- 5) Was is the board of health advising to the public at this time?
- 6) What major concerns does the board of health have at this time in regards to COVID-19 and the community?

Sent from my iPhone

22

**Ryan Ibach**

---

**From:** Jared Jones <Jared@copperhillsconstruction.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 11:43 AM  
**To:** Ryan Ibach  
**Subject:** Board of Health Special Meeting

**CAUTION : This email originated from outside of this organization. Please exercise caution with links and attachments.**

Ryan,

Good morning. I wanted to reach out and let you know that I would be absolutely in favor of getting the health district re-integrated with the Yakima County Public Services so that we could have a single source we are going to for all of our permitting needs. If at all possible, I would like the Health Board to re-instate YHD physical presence on the Courthouse 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

**Jared Jones** | Owner  
**Copper Hills Construction**  
C: 509-494-9018



# Public Services

23

128 North Second Street • Fourth Floor Courthouse • Yakima, Washington 98901  
(509) 574-2300 • 1-800-572-7354 • FAX (509) 574-2301 • [www.co.yakima.wa.us](http://www.co.yakima.wa.us)

LISA H. FREUND – Director

January 12, 2022

**Subject:** Public Comment for Health Board Meeting 1/13/22

Dear Yakima Health District Board of Health:

On behalf of Yakima County Public Services, I am writing to support the reinstatement of a full-time Yakima Health District (YHD) staff member to the Public Services Department on the Courthouse 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. Since the departure of the YHD from Public Services, our customers have expressed frustration with the number of stops they must make and the time it takes to begin the building process on their property. In the past, with the presence of an environmental staff member on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, a customer applying for residential construction permits could seamlessly work with our offices to get their questions answered and their application submitted. Today they make an additional 15-minute one-way trip between our offices to submit separate requests.

The Yakima Health District is integral to the services we both provide the public. Public Services staff attempt to assist as much as possible by finding existing septic clearances within our records. When we are not able to provide support, the customers get frustrated with having to travel to another office and start a separate process.

Having Health District staff on site adds to our seamless “one-stop-shop” approach for development within unincorporated Yakima County. This will also lead to a reduction in the time Health District staff take to review construction projects. Having a staff member nearby will allow Public Services staff to immediately provide answers instead of waiting for an email or phone call. These benefits were observed when YHD staff were previously located on the floor.

Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate our partnership and look forward to the Board of Health’s decision in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa H. Freund  
Director