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## CERTIFIED FORTRESS IS PROUD THAT 100% OF OUR PPP LOAN WENT TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES!

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Do you risk student lives by putting them in a classroom before the pandemic is really over? Or do you ask them to be flexible when so many kids are at the point of breaking?

There are no good answers.

It all weighs incredibly heavy on my shoulders. I miss them dearly. And after two

years of chaos, I miss "normal." So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past.

If we could have your kids safely in a "normal" setting, we would. Instead, we'll mourn "normal" right along with you and do what we always do: Teach anyway. □

## LETTERS

### No debating masks

No mask, no brains, no money, no life! It is that easy. It is science. It is the most loving, Christian and patriotic action caring people can take—one we should do together—but unfortunately has become a "deadly red" or a "flaky blue" opinion. A brand which marks us for Trump or against. Masks reveal the mindset of the person. That scares me more than the pandemic.

Pat Johnson  
Red Bluff

### Police reform

I share my heartbreak at the brutal murder of George Floyd. I join the nationwide rising demand to end violent killing of black men, end police violence, end the racism and militarism that perpetuates the violence. This uprising must be a wake-up call for deep introspection: How can our nation expose and dismantle the systemic violence that allows these tragedies to occur, decade after decade?

Concerned Citizens for Justice (CC4J) works to uproot local police violence, to transform police culture to one that treats all persons with respect and applies force only when absolutely necessary. This change will require comprehensive de-escalation training for officers.

As Chico considers hiring a new police chief, CC4J calls on the city to select a chief sympathetic with these concerns. We call on the Policing Review Ad Hoc Committee to assure

that Chico's use-of-force policy reflects these values.

Community members, speak up! Write to the City Council; log onto a one-question survey at CC4J's Facebook page (<http://tiny.cc/CC4J-Facebook>), and tell your story via the CC4J Story Project ([cc4j-chico.wixsite.com/website/contact](http://cc4j-chico.wixsite.com/website/contact)).

CC4J will soon release an Action Plan for the Transformation of Chico Police, demanding thorough transparency and accountability; establishing a mental health intervention team; and calling for citizen oversight with subpoena powers. Stay tuned!

Emily Alma  
Chico

### Theater blues

The Blue Room's closing is a withering blow to the downtown Chico arts scene. Performance spaces that allow our community to process and heal from injustice are vital to community health and safety.

Thank you, Blue Room, for the years of accessible performance art in the best downtown in all of Northern California. May your new home be just as prominent, and just as vital, to the character of the neighborhood.

Bill Mash  
Chico

### Write a letter

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