

DECAMPI SHOULD RESIGN EMAILS January 5, 2021

Chesterfield Mayor Bob Nation kept talking about all the email and phone calls he received concerning the Tom DeCampi incident on Thanksgiving weekend when the police were called over DeCampi reportedly not wearing a mask and his son not even having a mask while shopping at Best Buy. Here are the emails we were able to obtain and some of the facebook posts.

From: Fern Burnett
Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 8:22 AM
To: cityofficials <cityofficials@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: Tom DeCampi

There has to be some ethics regulation for council members that Tom DeCampi violated when police had to be called to Best Buy when he refused to follow the store's rule of wearing a mask and not to social distance. As a customer, I depend on the store's regulations to keep me safe, and I will not go into a store that doesn't require a mask. By not following the store's regulations, he put Best Buy's business at some risk of losing customers and endangered the safety of others. His behavior was not safe to his constituents, was obnoxious, and wasted Chesterfield resources. He needs to be held responsible.

From: Amanda Michel >
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2020 7:49 PM
To: cityofficials <cityofficials@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: Tom DeCampi

Dear Chesterfield City Officials:

I am writing to suggest that you urge Councilman DeCampi to resign from his position. I just read about Best Buy banning him from their stores for not wearing a mask, walking near other customers, and not leaving when they asked him to, putting people in our community at risk during a global pandemic. Furthermore, he complained to the police about how he was treated and never apologized for his unsafe behavior.

We need leaders who support healthcare workers and the vulnerable people in our communities by wearing masks and social distancing. Actions like his are also making our city look bad. When people hear that our leaders behave like this, they may not want to live here or shop here.

Tom DeCampi should resign as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Amanda Michel

From: Barbara Briggs >
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 11:42 AM
To: cityofficials <cityofficials@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: Council person DeCampi

I am writing to express my disappointment and outrage about the recent behavior of Council person, Tom DeCampi. CBS morning news on Saturday, 12/19/20, reported that Mr. DeCampi caused a scene at a local Best Buy store when he and his son refused to wear masks, as required. They were banned from the store as a result of their defiant behavior.

This is not the kind of behavior or publicity our City officials should exhibit. At the very least, Council person DeCampi should be admonished by The Mayor and the City Council, and he should publicly apologize for this undignified behavior that brings shame on the official representatives of our City. It's behavior like his that keeps me and others away from shopping at local businesses and supporting our local economy. When I see such behavior, I can't trust that our fellow citizens, and now not even our public officials, will follow CDC guidelines and other public health rules. I need to see examples of compliance, not defiance!

Respectfully,
Barbara Briggs
Chesterfield, MO 63017

From: Amanda Michel >
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 1:41 PM
To: Tom DeCampi <TDeCampi@chesterfield.mo.us>; cityofficials <cityofficials@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: Re: Tom DeCampi

John Hoffmann is giving you too much credit. He is right that you didn't shout "Do you know who I am?" to resist authority. But you obviously realize that "You know who I am?" is a pompous thing to say, which is why you tried to say it wasn't pompous. You weren't in a position to ask any questions, especially with that attitude. You should have responded to the officer's questions, complied with all instructions, and apologized for your behavior.

Instead you had the gall to complain to the police department about the officer who was rightfully disgusted that a councilman had to be told to wear a mask. Nobody should have issued you an apology. You should be apologizing to the people you harmed and the whole community of Chesterfield. Even if you had never said anything about "who I am," the fact remains that the manager took time out of a busy shopping day and he claims that you were not wearing a mask, put one on only when the police came, were walking up on customers, and were not listening to employees correcting you. Why would the manager lie about you, especially when he does say that your wife was wearing a mask? And why would you take your adult son in a store if he wasn't wearing a mask? My 7 year old will not go to a drive thru without a mask. Anyone of college age and intellect should be well aware of these rules.

You should resign. You are an embarrassment to our community.

Sincerely,
Mandy Michel

From: Amanda Michel <
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 7:06 PM
To: Bob Nation <BNation@chesterfield.mo.us>; cityofficials <cityofficials@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: Re: Tom DeCampi

Thank you. Excellent statement and decision to link the video to allow citizens to judge the behavior for themselves. The video makes his behavior look even worse, if that's possible.

On Tue, Dec 22, 2020 at 6:32 PM Bob Nation <BNation@chesterfield.mo.us> wrote:

Amanda,
Please check our city website at chesterfield.mo.us for my apology to the community and a link to the entire body cam audio/video.

From: David Stehly <
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 7:48 AM
To: cityofficials <cityofficials@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: Thank you Mayor Nation for your note of apology on behalf of our city regarding the behavior of Councilman DiCampi. His selfish and childish actions disgraced everyone elected to public office and especially the other members of our city council.

From: Sarah Kueper Hoffman
Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2020 12:42 PM
To: cityofficials <cityofficials@chesterfield.mo.us>
Cc: Tom DeCampi <TDeCampi@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: DeCampi defiance of mask mandate.

City Council,

The mask mandate has allowed us to more safely shop in our community and Councilman DeCampi couldn't care less about making his constituents uncomfortable and risking their health and safety during a pandemic. His reckless and embarrassing behavior are a stain on our community and he should resign immediately. Public health should not be up for debate, it certainly should take precedence over personal liberties during a pandemic. This takes a community effort, we are rely on others to keep ourselves safe. Only a self-important person would behave this way.

Rather than continually projecting that our officers will not enforce the mask mandate, maybe we could

focus a little more time on public health and promoting mask wearing? This is all been handled very poorly by the City of Chesterfield. I would've expected better coming from a very educated community and the home of Pfizer. Positively messaging the community promoting public health mitigation efforts is needed right now and can save lives. Please use your influence for good.

Have a safe and happy holiday,

Sarah Hoffman

From: Samuel Broh

Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2020 1:18 PM

To: cityofficials <cityofficials@chesterfield.mo.us>

Subject: Enforcement of Mask Restrictions

It has been all over local news that the Chesterfield Police are not going to enforce the public health mask requirements. This is very distressing.

The threat of COVID19 is real and very insidious. The mandate of wearing masks for protection and protection of others is public health common sense, not a political issue. Frankly, being in proximity of an unknown individual without a mask is frightening.

I feel that the police department failing to enforce this mandate is an abdication of their responsibility to insure public safety in Chesterfield. Please ensure that this irresponsible practice is reversed.

Sincerely,

Samuel J. Broh

From: McLeod

Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2020 1:49 PM

To: Tom DeCampi <TDeCampi@chesterfield.mo.us>

Cc: Michelle Ohley <MOhley@chesterfield.mo.us>; Mary Monachella

<MMonachella@chesterfield.mo.us>; Barbara McGuinness <BMcGuinness@chesterfield.mo.us>; Bob

Nation <BNation@chesterfield.mo.us>

Subject: Appalling Behavior

Councilman DeCampi,

As a resident of Chesterfield, I am appalled by your recent actions. As an elected public SERVANT, you should strive to be a model citizen at all times. You certainly are in no position to claim ignorance of county health mandates. It's bad enough that you choose to ignore the recommendations of public health experts but to cause a scene bad enough that the police have to be called is beyond embarrassing and shines an unwelcome spotlight on our city.

One would hope you at least had the common decency to publicly admit you were in the wrong and apologize but instead, you merely provided a weaselly statement "regretting" the incident and left it to our mayor to issue a public apology (much like a father would do for a wayward child).

Just because our current president acts like a jerk does not mean that it is okay to do so. Be very thankful that I am not in your ward because I can assure you that you would not be getting my vote in the future. I did not serve 36 years in the military defending our country just so people like you can choose to ignore rules that you don't like.

Sincerely,

McLeod Patton

> On Dec 19, 2020, at 10:00 AM, **David Corman** wrote:

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> I hope you and your city council are totally embarrassed by the behavior of your councilman at Best Buy last night. I would hope that city officials should exhibit better behavior during this pandemic and not seek self-gratifying publicity. He is an embarrassment to the city and should be censored by the council

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From: John Dye <

Date: December 20, 2020 at 11:40:07 AM CST

To: Bob Nation <BNation@chesterfield.mo.us>

Subject: Tom DeCampi at Best Buy

Really disappointed to see one of our Council members disregarding a health and safety measure as we have a record Covid 19 surge.

What kind of leadership is taking place on the Council?

John Dye

From: Barbara Briggs

Date: December 21, 2020 at 11:42:56 AM CST

To: cityofficials <cityofficials@chesterfield.mo.us>

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public officials, will follow CDC guidelines and other public health rules. I need to see examples of compliance, not defiance!

Respectfully,
Barbara Briggs
Chesterfield, MO 63017

From: Betsy Ferdman <
Date: December 23, 2020 at 8:55:14 AM CST
To: "tdecampi@chesterfield.mo.us" <tdecampi@chesterfield.mo.us>
Cc: "mmastorakos@chesterfield.mo.us" <mmastorakos@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: Resign
Councilman DeCampi,

After viewing the video footage of what happened at Best Buy I am urging you to do the right thing and resign your position as a representative of the city of Chesterfield. Regardless of your personal feelings about mask mandates you have an obligation to follow store policies and set an example for others.

I also believe the old adage "like father, like son" applies here. God help the children you are teaching in your role as a Parish School of Religion teacher. What would Jesus do?

Betsy Ferdman
Chesterfield citizen, Ward II

From: civellonicholas
Date: December 23, 2020 at 6:28:36 PM CST
To: Tom DeCampi <TDeCampi@chesterfield.mo.us>
Cc: Bob Nation <BNation@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: In Best Buy without a mask... Really???

Council Member Tom DeCampi,

It seems obvious that you do not care about others and our community! COVID related deaths are at its highest level ever! The death rate in the U.S. is over 325,350! As a Chesterfield resident and a responsible citizen, it is clear to me that your selfish, ignorant, and irresponsible behavior is not what we want representing Chesterfield, or anywhere for that matter!

I highly urge you to resign from your position as a Chesterfield Council Member, and from any public service you are involved in immediately! You are a poor example to our community!

Nicholas Civello

From: Randall Lay
Date: December 23, 2020 at 6:37:33 PM CST
To: Bob Nation <BNation@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: Councilman Decampi

It is sad you had to apologize for your councilman. Is he 10 years old?
I would suggest you ask him to tender his resignation. He is not a private citizen. He chose to serve.....

From: Linda Lewis <
Date: December 24, 2020 at 10:54:16 PM CST
To: Bob Nation <BNation@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: Tom Decampi

He should resign.

Linda Lewis

From: Joe Barr <>
Date: December 25, 2020 at 8:55:59 AM CST
To: Bob Nation <BNation@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: Best buy video

I just watched the RFT video of the best buy mask issue with the councilman. He should be ashamed of himself. His arrogance is off the chart. Look how many people have died from the covid. Show some support for other people, wear the mask and keep you distance. Ps. No handshakes when the officer arrives. Does he not understand social distancing!

From: Richard Grimmer
Date: December 25, 2020 at 4:46:02 PM CST
To: Matt Haug <mhaug@chesterfield.mo.us>
Subject: City Councilman DeCampi
Mayor Nation,

Thank you for your comments regarding the Best Buy store incident with DeCampi. His defiance in not wearing a mask in public would seem to indicate a person with very poor personal judgement to say the least. As a Chesterfield resident it is discouraging to know that he helps make decisions for our community because his behavior indicates a lack of concern for the welfare of others in the community.

Your comments were very appropriate because you clearly stated the dis approval of our community and it's residents. It's sad that not wearing a mask has, for some, become a political statement. But for most rational persons it is done for reasons of public safety.

Respectfully,

Richard Grimmer
Board Trustee

The Villas at Westmeade

From: Me M

Date: December 26, 2020 at 9:11:45 AM CST

To: Tom DeCampi <TDeCampi@chesterfield.mo.us>

Cc: Bob Nation <BNation@chesterfield.mo.us>

Subject: Question

Mr. DeCampi - regarding the recent issue at Best Buy when you were directed to leave by police and employees, I must ask why you felt it necessary to make a point of not wearing a mask?

In this video it not only truly makes it obvious that you are trying to make some sort of issue about the mask, but you clearly are even holding one.

<https://amp.kansascity.com/news/state/missouri/article248080085.html>

The irony is that by pointing out who you are to anyone who would listen, you've given the public the opportunity to see the attitude towards your own community's rules and how you think they don't apply to you.

In the video you're wearing a St. Luke's hospital shirt - you may want to speak with a few healthcare professionals there if you think that masks are a waste of time.

This is just a blatant example of thinking you are above the rules - if I'm wrong about this I am happy to hear an alternate explanation.

From: George >

Date: December 27, 2020 at 2:42:26 PM CST

To: info <info@chesterfield.mo.us>

Subject: Embarrassment

How embarrassing for Chesterfield. That councilman should have enough common sense to at least follow the store's requirements. I guess he's above it all. Sad.

<https://www.chesterfield.mo.us/webcontent/admin/docs/2020-12-22%20Community%20Apology%20from%20Mayor%20Nation.pdf>

George

This in the one email supportive of DeCampi:

Hi Tom,

I am a constituent of yours in Chesterfield. Let me say right up front that I fully support your ability to walk into any business open to the public with or without a mask.

You may or may not agree with some or all of what I'm about to say, but I feel it's important to pass along given your actions. I'm assuming you have watched the video by now (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=totvC7oQ58U&feature=youtu.be>) showing the officer's body cam of the incident. The officer is incorrect in stating that Best Buy is a private business and can ask you to leave at any time. They are a publicly traded company, but even if it were a private establishment this is still incorrect. Perhaps the officer was more aware of this than he let on as to why there were no charges filed or perhaps you simply were receiving preferential treatment.

As a matter of law any business that is open to the public whether it is private, public or government run is a "public accommodation" and they cannot just ask you to leave without proper cause.

<https://definitions.uslegal.com/p/public-accommodation/>
<https://law.justia.com/codes/missouri/2005/t12/2130000010.html>

They attempted to say that you were trespassing, but there was no grounds for trespassing according to Missouri law: <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=569.140>. I'm certain they would claim you "unlawfully" entered without a mask, however, there are no laws requiring a mask. If there were to be a law passed that would be challengeable as a mask is a medical device and I know no law or court that would uphold the ability of a legislative body to require citizens by law to wear a medical device especially without knowing each individual's medical situation and any legislature passing that would be subject to liability along with anyone enforcing an illegal law would also be subject to liability.

Since vaccines are also coming into play, I would like to make you aware that according to the Nuremberg Code, which came to be as an after effect of the Holocaust no human being may be subject to human experimentation without their consent, which would include any attempt to force a human being to take a vaccine as a condition of entry to a business.

<http://www.cirp.org/library/ethics/nuremberg/>

I don't know much about your personal beliefs, but I hope this message resonates with you. Across America people are being suckered into believing that it is against the law if they choose to not wear a mask, but that is incorrect. There are no laws mandating a mask and I personally would challenge any legislature that would intend to make it law as it violates our unalienable rights granted by the Supreme Being aka God. Not to mention the very concept of life, spirit or soul relates back to your breath and any attempt to subjugate that in any way is immoral.

I could go on with much more from here, but I'll leave this with you. No need to reply although I welcome any dialogue you wish to have. America needs more support from our elected officials to stand up for our rights. I hope you are up to the task.

Regards,
Josh Reesman

THEN THERE IS THE CHURCH NO-MASK EMAIL: Tom is a regular church goer. I know a lot of devout church goers who have not stepped inside a church during this pandemic. Apparently Tom DeCampi isn't one of us (I'm a regular church goer for Christmas services, but not this year.) The below email ref a mask incident in church is also making the rounds. In fairness I have no idea how close this might have been to communion, but it is one more negative shot at DeCampi.

To: tdecampi@chesterfield.mo.us

Subject: Mask at mass

December 27, 2020

Good afternoon,

This morning I attended Mass and recognized you from the news this week (as I was sitting nearby.) I respectfully ask WHY you were not properly wearing your mask like everyone else inside the church and continually pulling it below your nose? Why were you allowing your son to REMOVE his mask during the Mass? Your actions were disrespectful to our Pastor and everyone around you! There are many elderly people in attendance and I was shocked by your lack of concern for this vulnerable group of parishioners. After the events of this past week I am astounded that you would attend Mass and proactively choose to disobey the archdiocesan regulations and our Pastor's rules explicitly posted on all entrances to the church. What a travesty on so fronts...

Nanette Rice

From the Chesterfield Connect Facebook page:



Tom Reilly

I guess council members are exempt from the virus.

Like · Reply · 2d



Sam Uel

Tom Reilly Has he asked Covid if they know who he is? 🤔

Like · Reply · 2d



Tom Reilly

Maybe he was suffering from memory loss due to Covid

Like · Reply · 1d





Lynette Horton Giardina

Ridiculous example to send to the people that voted you in 😞 not happy about this attitude 😞 hope you don't get a bad case of the virus

Like · Reply · 2d



Cathy Bateman

Lynette Horton Giardina actually, I hope he does get a bad case of the virus.

Like · Reply · 2d



Sarah Grandt Feigenbaum

Cathy Bateman nah, you don't want to do that. Wishing ill upon someone will actually come back to you worse. Wish for him that he will come to have wisdom.

Like · Reply · 1d



Sandy Waidmann

Good for Best Buy!



Mary Sandhofer Quartuccio

That's awful! Terrible example and very pompous

Like · Reply · 2d



Blake Davis

Downright Irresponsible - Should have charged him and his son with trespassing for refusing to leave private property 😞



Cory Kemper Kirwan

This just makes me sick. He and his son have gotten away from consequences for their actions before so glad it didn't happen this time

Like · Reply · 2d · Edited





Rory Paul

There you go another politician leading by example.... "liberty or death" well maybe just a breathing tube down your throat and your dumb ass filling a hospital bed. But hey personal liberty over collective social responsibility any day.... it's the American way.

Like · Reply · 2d · Edited



Janet Schwarze

What ward does he represent? Definitely, an arrogant attitude....

Like · Reply · 2d



Cathy Bateman

Janet Schwarze he is in Ward IV. Needs to be voted out.

Like · Reply · 2d



Janet Schwarze
Yep



Jessica Risenhoover

Hilarious that he thinks being a Council member of Chesterfield makes him special.

Like · Reply · 2d · Edited



Julie King

When are these pompous jerks going to learn that regardless of their opinions Best Buy is a private company and can enforce any policy they choose. The ignorance of these people is staggering

Like · Reply · 2d





Cathy Bateman

Disgraceful. No shoes, no shirt, no mask, no service. Pompous indeed. Let's vote him out Chesterfield.

Like · Reply · 2d · Edited



Cathy Bateman

Kelli Herries Unnerstall need a campaign against him. Who else is running?

Like · Reply · 1d



Kelli Herries Unnerstall

Cathy Bateman Bob Nation

Like · Reply · 1d



Janet Schwarze

Oh, no!



Janet Schwarze

Running for mayor?????

Like · Reply · 1d



Jeanine Tillman Springer

And he works for a company that provides medical grade refrigerators to hospitals for vaccine storage. I am sure his customers don't appreciate his disregard for the health of others around him. Helmer Scientific. Amazingly ironic. Look it up.

Like · Reply · 1d · Edited



Janice Vollmer Duncan

Tom Decampi. I'll sure remember that name and cast a vote against him.

Like · Reply · 1d





Crystal Robinson
This is infuriating. 😡

Like · Reply · 1d



Phylly Kess
We are writing a thank you note to the Best Buy and sending a complimentary note to Corporate! I guess we will be writing the City Council and Mayor, too

Like · Reply · 1d



Steven Brown
Phylly Kess we should all do the same! Thank you!

Like · Reply · 1d



Cathy Bateman
Phylly Kess excellent idea!

Like · Reply · 1d



Ashley Jaworski
This is so embarrassing. What a jackass.

Like · Reply · 1d



Mary Ellen O'Brien Garcia
Does he seriously think he is better than anyone else???

Like · Reply · 1d



Maureen Michel Jordan 🙌
Mary Ellen O'Brien Garcia Of course. And, he thinks that you should be able to recognize him and call him by his name. Seriously, a council member! 😡



Tē Ng

When is he up for re-election? We won't forget this

Like · Reply · 1d



Kelli Herries Unnerstall

Tē Ng he is running for Mayor this April.

Like · Reply · 1d



Tē Ng

Good. Hope someone brings this up and he takes accountability of it. This type of behavior is what's wrong with our leadership.

Like · Reply · 1d



Julie King

People should call Chesterfield City Hall and the mayor to demand this clown resign. He was using his position inappropriately and I am sure violated ethical standards of someone in his position. He has brought disgrace to the city of Chesterfield.

Like · Reply · 1d · Edited



John Giebe Sr.

As a long time resident of Chesterfield I'm ashamed of his behavior. This is not representative of our City leadership! I salute our awesome CPD! 🇺🇸

Like · Reply · 1d



John Giebe Sr.

I was in Best Buy earlier this week. I commend the for their extra effort to keep their staff and customers safe.

Like · Reply · 1d





Dwain Springer 🙌

How about a GoFundMe for like 10,000 masks, delivered in 100 mask boxes, to his front porch? Or maybe the City Center, addressed to him...hate to task delivery services though, for such a bully. One thing for sure, most definitely, on any ballot he is on, I'm voting for the other people, even if it means loss of an open primary ballot.

Like · Reply · 1d



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Like · Reply · 13h



Barbara Wyatt

A Chesterfield resident for 47 years! So ashamed of this representative of my city! Chesterfield has better leadership than this. 😞 He should resign!

Like · Reply · 9h · Edited



Larry Walker

You are the one that made a fool of yourself. You have to accept what you brought on yourself. Shame on you.

Like · Reply · 23h



Rory Paul

Poor judgment and a lack of civic leadership. So if Mayor Nation used it as a blunt object to beat DeCampi about the head so be it. Next time don't do it or don't get caught.

Like · Reply · 23h · Edited





Crystal Robinson

He used this for publicity. Filed to run for mayor two weeks later. What an arrogant man. I'll be at the polls with bells on to vote against him. I hope this stunt costs him what clearly matters most (power). 😏

Like · Reply · 22h



John Baur 🙌

Regardless of one's personal opinions on masks, he not only ignored the request of a private business, but made a spectacle of it. It's downright irresponsible for West "News" to publish an article entertaining the idea that he was a victim.

Like · Reply · 22h · Edited



John Drake

Please remember one thing Councilmen DiCampi, actions have consequences. Don't be a cry baby.

Like · Reply · 21h



Julie King

He made an ass of himself but it's someone else fault, not his of course.

Like · Reply · 20h



Jessica Risenhoover

The manager of Best Buy was shocked that the trespasser was a city councilman and correctly called it a political stunt.

What an a-hole.

Like · Reply · 19h





Angelica McCullum

So, let's put aside for a moment that he is a politician. A responsible adult, shouldn't have gone inside a store knowing that his son didn't have a mask.