Dan Pope

Lubbock has always been a city of a people of perseverance. We have a West Texas spirit and an inherent drive to be strong, work together, and find solutions to any problem we face. As your Mayor, I firmly believe we will get through this pandemic, and that we will do so by being well, back to school, and once again gather in restaurants, theaters, sports facilities, and yes, to shop at the numerous large and small local businesses. Public health and safety remain essential and, according to the latest ASPR update, COVID-19 related hospitalizations and deaths are on a downward trend. But being back to normal feels distant.

In the past week, thousands of Lubbock residents have been able to return to the workplace, with businesses like restaurants, retail, entertainment, and healthcare all operating at a reduced capacity. This is the logical next step in helping our local economy get back on track. While we all still face challenges, such as sustainable and reliable access to personal protective equipment (PPE), we have made incredible progress in recent months.

As we come upon the 50th anniversary of the Lubbock tornado, it is good to remember that we are a city of a people with a strong spirit. Historically, we band together and make difficult decisions for the sake of the community. In the face of adversity, some residents have stepped up to help their neighbors. These are the same people who are driving our local economy today.

Keeping Lubbock running safely is paramount, and making decisions to safely open Lubbock’s economy is the logical next step in helping our local businesses. Your City Council and I, along with our City employees and stakeholders, have done our best to be fair, reasonable, and consistent.

As we continue to move forward, it is critical to err on the side of caution. We are facing uncharted waters, wisely moving forward with a balanced approach and keeping our residents, visitors, and the economy at our heart. Lubbock residents are making a strong case to get back to normal.

Together, we will find the solutions needed to get back to the economic prosperity everyone desires.

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Joe Gonzalez

WHAT kind of a mess did America get itself into with China? For years, we’ve all heard of the phrase “Made in China.” We know America has with China. At the same time, we know it poses a threat to our nation. From food items and meals, to toys and electronics, garden items, tools and clothes, and the list goes on. We just can’t help but feel like we’re really just getting to know our east neighbor and everything from China? China’s imports into the USA range from medicinal products, toys and electronics, garden items, tools, and clothing.

Many American companies are making their products in China and are being shipped back to the USA in “our” products. Many are happy about this fact, but not everyone.

I am talking about the difference between community, democracy, and capitalism. We allow the difference by now, don’t we? Biden is pro-China. Goodluck, Joe.

In 2010, Trump accused China about robbing us from textile jobs. China. He told us that China had been taking advantage of America for many years. Many didn’t see that side of him. But previous presidents knew! China was slowly beating America for little or nothing. American companies were producing American products with their peers. America was paying huge tariffs on these American products, and China was paying billions of dollars. At the same time, China was stealing our inventions, our ideas, and making huge profits off of it. China is a massive economy and one of the largest economies in the world. They are building their economy at our expense.

The Trump administration has been working hard to change this status quo and put an end to China’s overreaching power. We’ve been trying to bring jobs back to America. China has been slowly working to reduce its trade deficit with the USA, and we’ve been successful. China is now paying billions of dollars in tariffs to the USA. This has been a win-win situation for both countries.

The China virus started spreading in late 2019 and the world is now experiencing the consequences. Countries around the world are working together to find solutions to the pandemic. China has been a leader in this effort, working with other countries to find solutions.

The role of the US in the global supply chain is crucial. The USA is a major trading partner with China, and the two countries have a strong economic relationship. The USA is home to many of China’s largest companies, and China is home to many of America’s largest companies. This relationship is important for both countries.

As the world continues to recover from the pandemic, it is important to continue working together to find solutions to the challenges we face. The USA and China must work together to ensure a strong and stable global economy.

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America is in desperate need of a new pharmaceutical company.