

RESOLUTION NO. 1045-21**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE EXTENDING THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within the City due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the City Council unanimously ratified and confirmed that proclamation of local emergency on March 17, 2020 by adopting Resolution 979-20; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed and unanimously extended the proclamation of local emergency on April 7, 2020 (Resolution 981-20); May 26, 2020 (Resolution 994-20); July 14, 2020 (Resolution 1010-20); August 25, 2020 (Resolution 1016-20); October 13, 2020 (Resolution 1025-20); December 8, 2020 (Resolution 1036-20); and February 2, 2021 (Resolution 1042-21); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the need to continue the existence of a local emergency and finds that the conditions supporting the declaration of emergency related to COVID-19 continue to exist, for reasons including, but not limited to:

(1) All residents of the State of California and Santa Clara County continue to be subject to public health orders that limit or place restrictions on certain activities and require social distancing at all times; and

(2) Although COVID-19 case rates in California decreased from February to March 2021, as of March 8, 2021, Santa Clara County was still in the second most restrictive red tier of COVID-19 public health orders; and

(3) Although the COVID-19 vaccines have been determined to be extremely effective, and the state and county have intensified vaccination efforts, as of March 8, 2021, just 10% of Santa Clara County residents had been fully vaccinated. Vaccination is not expected to be available to all members of the public who want it until late May or June 2021; and

(4) As of March 8, 2021, the State of California recorded more than 3,500,000 cases of COVID-19 and more than 54,000 deaths; and

(5) As of March 8, 2021, Santa Clara County recorded more than 111,800 cases of COVID-19 and 1,800 deaths; and

(6) COVID-19 continues to impact families with school-aged children. Although the governor has taken action to encourage schools to reopen and many public schools have recently reopened or are planning to reopen in March and April 2021, many of the schools that reopen will do so under a “hybrid” format of partial in-person and partial distance learning; and

(7) Many Sunnyvale residents have experienced job loss or reduced hours due to COVID-19 closures and stay-at-home orders, and the unemployment rate in Santa Clara County in December 2020 (prior to implementation of the regional stay-at-home order, which required closure of certain businesses and limited others) was 6 percent, down from summer unemployment rates but nevertheless a substantial increase from pre-pandemic rates of 2.6 percent in January and February of 2020; and

(8) The City has and continues to experience a loss of revenue from several areas due to closures related to COVID-19; and

(9) The economic recovery from COVID-19 and its impacts are now estimated to be in terms of years not months; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the COVID-19 situation, particularly with the dramatic increases in cases and deaths over the last two months, continues to create conditions of peril to the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property in the City of Sunnyvale and is still deemed to be beyond the control of normal protective services, personnel, equipment and facilities of and within the City.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE THAT:

1. The City of Sunnyvale hereby proclaims the extension of the period of the Existence of a Local Emergency for an additional 60 days or unless sooner terminated.
2. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Sunnyvale.
3. As required by California Government Code section 8630, the City Council shall review the need to continue the state of emergency every sixty (60) days until this resolution is terminated.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on March 30, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: KLEIN, HENDRICKS, LARSSON, MELTON, FONG, CISNEROS, DIN
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
RECUSAL: NONE

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City Clerk
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Mayor

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