



City of Sunnyvale

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Adopt a Resolution Extending the City's Declaration of Local Emergency for COVID-19

DISCUSSION

On March 12, 2020, City Manager Kent Steffens declared a local health emergency pursuant to the authority granted to him as the Emergency Services Director in Sunnyvale Municipal Code Chapter 2.16 (Emergency Organization and Functions) and applicable state law. The City Council adopted a resolution ratifying that declaration (Resolution No. 979-20) on March 17, 2020, and resolutions extending the declaration on April 7, 2020 (Resolution No. 981-20), May 26, 2020 (Resolution No. 994-20), July 14, 2020 (Resolution No. 1010-20), August 25, 2020 (Resolution No. 1016-20), October 13, 2020 (Resolution No. 1025-20), December 8, 2020 (Resolution No. 1036-20), February 2, 2021 (Resolution No. 1042-21), March 30, 2021 (Resolution No. 1045-21), May 25, 2021 (Resolution No. 1057-21) and July 13, 2021 (Resolution No. 1069-21).

When the Council adopted its most recent resolution extending the emergency declaration related to COVID-19, the pandemic appeared to be coming under control; in June 2021 the state Blueprint for a Safer Economy and the stay at home order were rescinded, and vaccination rates in Santa Clara County were very high. However, in recent weeks the COVID-19 "Delta" variant has become the predominant strain of the virus in the United States and has resulted in substantial increases in case rates and hospitalizations. Santa Clara County recently reinstated indoor mask mandates for all individuals, and the California state of emergency and Santa Clara County's local emergency declarations related to COVID-19 remain in effect. In addition, many residents and businesses continue to suffer economic hardship that began while the stay-home orders were in effect. The recovery period for these individuals and businesses has only recently begun, and the impacts and uncertainties associated with the Delta variant surge have added more uncertainty.

Therefore, staff anticipates that the COVID-19 emergency conditions will continue for some time, likely past September when the state indicated it would reevaluate conditions. Staff recommends that Council adopt the attached resolution extending the City's declaration of a local emergency, to be reviewed again within 60 days pursuant to Government Code section 8630 (California Emergency Services Act). Extending the local health emergency empowers the City to continue to effectively respond to COVID-19, including staffing the EOC, coordinating with partner agencies, seeking and utilizing mutual aid, and pursuing potential federal and state reimbursement for costs related to response efforts.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, Sunnyvale Public Library and Department of Public Safety. In addition, the agenda and report are available at the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's website.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a “project” with the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15320, 15378 and 15061 (b)(3) as it is an organizational structure change and does not have the potential to result in either a direct or reasonable foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution Extending the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services’ Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency (COVID-19).

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Resolution Extending Emergency Proclamation
2. Resolution No. 1069-21
3. Resolution No. 1057-21
4. Resolution No. 1045-21
5. Resolution No. 1042-21
6. Resolution No. 1036-20
7. Resolution No. 1025-20
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12. Resolution No. 979-20