

STAFF REPORT

City of Lancaster

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Date: April 11, 2023

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Jason Caudle, City Manager

Subject: Termination of Local Emergency

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution proclaiming the termination of the Local Emergency and the Local Health Emergency caused by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Fiscal Impact:

None

Background:

On March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted a Resolution proclaiming a local emergency due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) under California Government code Section 8630 and Lancaster Municipal Code Section 2.36. The City Council additionally ratified the Proclamation of Local Emergency made pursuant to their authority in the Lancaster Municipal Code Chapter 2.36.

Since the start of the pandemic, the City of Lancaster launched education efforts, encouraging residents to stop shaking hands, and avoid large gatherings. The City deputized two new Deputy Mayors: Dr. Lawrence Stock, MD, an emergency medicine specialist on the ground in Africa during the Ebola outbreak, and Dr. Jonathan Truong, MD, an infectious disease specialist. These doctors provided the City with insight developing an extensive COVID contingency plan and worked to respond to community needs. The City further created collaborative partnerships with local organizations to set up a secondary field hospital in Lancaster that provided all necessary equipment to operate efficiently. Staff worked with Antelope Valley Hospital to create logistics and operation plans in case of a rapid rise in cases. The City coordinated with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to supply stand-by support and conduct elderly welfare checks. Staff operated and facilitated two mass vaccination facilities with community partners at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. The City created multiple Programs for residents and local businesses to aid in recovery. The City distributed COVID-19 resources and provided personal protective equipment citywide and provided guidance and assistance on health orders to local businesses.

As community spread of COVID-19 has decreased locally and statewide and the need for continued resources to respond to this public health crisis are now within the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City, the City of Lancaster, has determined that there is no longer a need to continue the local emergency.

Attachment:

Resolution 23-XX