

STAFF REPORT

City of Lancaster

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Date: January 26, 2021

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Jason Caudle, City Manager

Subject: **Resolution Confirming the Continued Existence of a Local Emergency**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 21-01**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, confirming the continued existence of a local emergency in the City of Lancaster, California.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff will return to Council with future revenue, expense, or cost reimbursement appropriations recommendations.

Background:

On January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern, and subsequently characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. The United States Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020. On March 4, 2020, the Governor of California declared a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health declared a local and public health emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on March 4, 2020. The President of the United States declared a national emergency resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak on March 13, 2020.

On March 17, 2020, the City Council affirmed and ratified a Proclamation of the existence of a local emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The State and Los Angeles County Health Officers issued orders intended to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, including mandating people to stay home except as needed to perform essential services, ordering businesses deemed non-essential to close, and requiring the wearing of face masks. On May 26, July 14, September 8, October 27, and December 8, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolutions 20-17, 20-37, 20-46, 20-54, and 20-62, respectively, which confirmed the continued existence of a local emergency.

The number of COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County has spiked in recent months. The national and local public health emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic remains

in effect, and the virus continues to pose a threat to the health and safety of residents in the City of Lancaster.

Staff recommends that City Council adopt **Resolution No. 21-01**, to again confirm the continued existence of the local emergency, as required by the California Emergency Services Act (the “Act,” set forth at Cal. Gov’t. Code §§8550-8668), and, in accordance with the Act, to regularly review the need for continuing the local emergency.

Attachment:

Resolution No. 21-01