

Good morning, Buena Park. This is your Mayor, Fred Smith, with an important announcement related to the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These are challenging times we are living, and the City's main focus is working hard to preserve our community's health and safety.

On March 17th, the City Council adopted a Proclamation of Local Emergency, which will assist the City in coordinating its efforts with federal, state, and county agencies. City staff continues to be in communication with County's emergency operations on a daily basis and has activated the City's Emergency Operations Center to make local decisions. Early next week, the City Council will be taking action to help residents during this time of crisis with issues such as easing parking enforcement, code enforcement citations, and evictions.

To comply with Governor Newsom's order yesterday, City Hall will be closed to the public effective immediately. However, Fire, Police, Public Works/Parks and water division staff will continue to work to ensure that our City remains safe. The Police Department already has increased patrol in the community. Staff is currently re-evaluating plans to ensure that the

most vulnerable of our community, our seniors, continue to receive critical services they need during this challenging time.

I come to you today as a lifelong resident of Buena Park and a local business owner. I understand the impact that this crisis has had on you, your family, our schools, and our local economy, especially our businesses, and the effect it will continue to have in the coming months. But, staying home as much as possible is what each one of us can do to help stop the spread of this virus. When you need to go out for food and necessary items, I encourage you to shop locally and support Buena Park. Many of our Buena Park restaurants are still open for takeout or delivery to meet your food needs.

The City will continue to stay on top of the local developments related to this issue and keep you updated. However, we ask that you also do everything you can to protect you and your family. Buena Park is the Center of the Southland. Now it is time to show the region how Buena Park unites and overcomes in the face of adversity.