

RESOLUTION NO. 14114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING A CONTINUING LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF BUENA PARK RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, in late December 2019, several cases of unusual pneumonia began to emerge in the Hubei province of China, and on January 7, 2020, a novel coronavirus now known as COVID-19 was identified as the source of the illness;

WHEREAS, scientific evidence indicates that COVID-19 is highly contagious, and since first discovered COVID-19 has spread globally to over 140 countries, infecting more than 200,000 persons and killing more than 8,000 individuals worldwide;

WHEREAS, the first case of COVID-19 in the United States was confirmed in late January, and over the ensuing two (2) months the pandemic spread throughout the United States creating a significant health risk to residents, causing the closure of schools across the country, bringing the national and local economies to a standstill, and threatening to overwhelm healthcare facilities;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a “state of emergency” throughout the State in response to COVID-19, and in furtherance of this proclamation has issued several Executive Orders that include extraordinary measures directed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 and reducing impacts to residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of California released statewide guidance, urging the highest risk of population (individuals who are 65 years or older, or have compromised immune system) to self-isolate at home;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued “The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread” which recommended, and among other things, social distancing and gathering guidelines intended to slow the spread of the illness;

WHEREAS, as of March 17, 2020, California reported a total of 598 positive cases of COVID-19, and as of March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom advised that half of California’s population could be infected over the next eight (8) weeks;

WHEREAS, the widespread and community transmission of COVID-19, has created conditions that are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat;

WHEREAS, the City of Buena Park’s ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future

reimbursement by the State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, given these conditions, pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, Chapter 8 of the Buena Park Municipal Code, and applicable provisions of the City's Emergency Operations Plan, on March 17, 2020, the City Council for the City of Buena Park held an "emergency" meeting to update the local community on the COVID-19 crisis, and unanimously adopted a Resolution proclaiming a "local emergency" thereby formalizing the City's initiation of its Emergency Operations Plan, allowing prompt response to emergency conditions at the local level, and will providing the City access to federal, state, and local resources during the crisis;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, in an unprecedented step to slow the spread of COVID-19, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. 33-20 ordering all California residents and business to stay and work at home for an indeterminate period of time, at least through April 19, 2020, with the only exceptions from this order being essential services and industries;

WHEREAS, the City Council has reconsidered the conditions giving rise to the "local emergency" proclamation made on March 17, 2020, and has determined that the conditions giving rise to the local emergency continue to exist, and in fact have become more dire since the original proclamation was made.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUENA PARK HEREBY RESOLVES, DECLARES, AND DETERMINES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Based on facts and circumstances presented to the City Council in connection with its consideration of this matter, the City Council finds and declares the foregoing recitals true and correct, in incorporates the same as a substantive part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code § 8630), Title 8 of the Buena Park Municipal Code, and the City of Buena Park Emergency Operations Plan, the City Council hereby proclaims that a "local emergency" continues to exist in the City of Buena Park, and for this emergency, assistance and aid for the City and its residents and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic is requested from Federal, State, and County governance.

SECTION 3. The proclamation of a "local emergency" made by this Resolution shall continue to exist until rescinded by the City Council, and shall be reviewed by the City Council at least every sixty (60) days for purposes of determining whether conditions giving rise to the local emergency continue to exist.

SECTION 4. The City Council authorizes and directs the City Manager, as the designated Director of Emergency Services, or his/or authorized designee(s), to take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to implement the purpose of this Resolution and the City of Buena Park's Emergency Operations Plan.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, and it shall become immediately effective.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of March 2020 by the following called vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Park, Swift, Traut, Smith

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

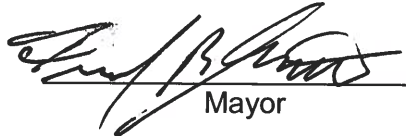
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ATTEST:




City Clerk





Mayor

I, Adria M. Jimenez, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Buena Park, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Buena Park, held this 24th day of March, 2020.



City Clerk