

MOTION

Since the posting of the agenda, the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to his powers under Administrative Code Section 8.27, declared the existence of a Local Emergency due to the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) into the United States and Los Angeles County.

On March 4 2020, the Health Officer of Los Angeles County declared a health emergency, as the number of coronavirus cases in the County increased to seven, including six new patients. Additionally, on March 4, the City Council convened City and County experts to discuss ways to keep city residents safe, prevent new cases, and how to communicate information about the virus and preventions tips with communities throughout the city. While there is no reason for panic, declaration of the existence of a local emergency is essential to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency responses, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by the State and Federal governments in order to successfully address COVID-19.

Pursuant to Administrative Code Section 8.27, the City Council has seven days from the date of the Mayor's declaration to approve or disapprove a resolution ratifying the existence of a local emergency and the need for continuing the state of local emergency. The seventh day from the date of the Mayor's declaration is Wednesday March 11, 2020. Council will, however, be on a scheduled recess on March 10 and 11, 2020, for the National League of Cities conference. Today is, therefore, the only day the City Council can act on the Mayor's declaration within the seven-day window prescribed by the Administrative Code. There is, therefore, an immediate need for the City Council to act today on the Mayor's declaration.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council determine, as provided in Government Code section 54954.2(b)(2), and pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter and that the need for action came to the attention of the City subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council adopt the attached Resolution, which ratifies the Mayor's March 4, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency; ratifies the need to continue the state of local emergency; instructs the City departments, agencies, and personnel to take appropriate action with respect to the continuing state of local emergency; and instructs the City Clerk to place on future agendas, as appropriate, the City Council's timely consideration of continuation of the state of local emergency.

PRESENTED BY:

Nury Martinez
NURY MARTINEZ
Councilwoman, 6th District

SECONDED BY:

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles pursuant to his powers under Los Angeles Administrative Code section 8.27 declared the existence of a Local Emergency due to the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) into the United States and Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the declaration, the Health Officer of Los Angeles County had declared a health emergency, as the number of coronavirus cases in the county increased to seven, including six new patients; and

WHEREAS, although there is no reason for panic, declaration of the existence of a local emergency is essential to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency responses, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by the State and Federal governments in order successfully to address COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, since the Mayor's declaration, COVID-19 continues to pose an threat to public health in the City of Los Angeles; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Los Angeles RESOLVES that:

1. A local emergency existed in the City of Los Angeles (City) within the meaning of Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.21, *et seq.*, at the time of the Mayor's March 4, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency, which City Council hereby ratifies; and
2. Because COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent health threat in the City, there is a need to continue the state of local emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies; and
3. In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code section 8.21 *et seq.*, all appropriate City departments, agencies, and personnel are to continue to perform all duties and responsibilities to represent the City in this matter to abate the emergency and receive, process, and coordinate all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain whatever State and Federal assistance that may become available to the City and/or to the citizens of the City who may be affected by the emergency; and
4. All City departments and agencies are instructed, or as appropriate requested, to abide by CDC guidelines on cleanliness and increase efforts to ensure all municipal buildings and public spaces are routinely cleaned, and, when necessary suspend City rules and procedures for cleaning to expedite the process, to prevent the spreading of COVID-19.
5. The General Manager of the Emergency Management Department is hereby instructed to advise the Mayor and City Council on the need to extend the state of local emergency; and
6. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to place on the agenda every ten regular Council meeting days, but not to exceed 30 calendar days, the City Council's consideration of the continuation of the state of local emergency, until such time as the state of emergency has not been timely continued or this instruction is rescinded; and
7. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services of the State of California, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

PRESENTED BY: 
NURY MARTINEZ
Councilwoman, 6th District

SECONDED BY: 