



City Council Agenda Item Staff Report

CITY OF SAN BRUNO

DATE: February 28, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Receive Written Update on the City's Response Efforts to COVID-19 and Adopt Resolution Terminating the Local Emergency Declared by the City in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

BACKGROUND: In late 2019, and early 2020, communities around the globe were faced with a pandemic during the outbreak of the then "new" coronavirus, now known and commonly referred to as COVID-19.

At that time, there were no known confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the City of San Bruno. The conditions of disaster and peril to the safety of San Bruno persons constituted a "State of Emergency" as described in San Bruno Municipal Code, Chapter 2.48, dealing with Emergency Preparedness.

In an abundance of caution the San Bruno City Manager, acting as Director of Emergency Services, signed a Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency on March 16, 2020, and activated the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This action also aligned the City's efforts with the San Mateo County Health Officer's issuance of a joint order mandating that all persons Shelter at Home that took effect on March 17, 2020. The order substantially limited many activities of daily life, such as travel, gatherings, and business functions to only the most essential needs.

On March 20, 2020, the San Bruno City Council adopted a resolution ratifying the proclamation of a local emergency and for its continuance until it is terminated by the City Council.

While the San Mateo County Health Officer's Order was active, City resources and personnel were redeployed to perform essential functions through the EOC; and other staff transitioned to working from home if their jobs were able to be performed remotely. Essential services, such as public safety (police, fire, and medical services), public utilities, emergency repair permits, and other services deemed necessary to protect the health and welfare of the community, continued with no interruption in services.

In June 2020, the San Mateo County Health Officer issued a new order to align the County with the State of California's Resilience Roadmap, which eventually transitioned to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. This allowed businesses in San Mateo County to follow the State's schedule for reopening and modified business operations.

On June 15, 2021, the State of California issued a new public health order to move beyond the

blueprint. Following, the San Bruno community and communities throughout the County, State, and Nation continued to adjust operations to adapt to living with COVID-19 and took precautionary steps to prevent the spread of the disease.

For the past three years, the City of San Bruno has balanced COVID-19 response with ongoing local government operations, scaling emergency response focus to the continuously changing public health needs in the community and/or state/federal mandates.

State of California Governor Gavin Newsom announced that the COVID-19 State of Emergency will end on February 28, 2023.

DISCUSSION: San Mateo County Health provides regular COVID-19 data dashboards through their website, smchealth.org. San Mateo County Health reports that as of Feb. 16, 2023, there are a total of 313 cases within the last 30 days in the City of San Bruno and as of Feb. 15, 2023, approximately >95% of San Bruno residents are vaccinated. They also report that as Feb. 23, 2023, the COVID-19 data dashboards will sunset. While the threat from COVID-19 is not over, as both the virus and the tools to respond to it have evolved over the past three years, San Bruno is now in a significantly better position today due to the San Bruno community's high vaccination and booster rates and the availability of effective COVID-19 treatments.

Given Governor Newsom will end the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services of the City, is ready to end the City's emergency declaration to align with the State of California.

At this time, the City of San Bruno does not have any local restrictions active, and there are no other operational impacts will result from the termination of the emergency. Currently masks are not required, however they are encouraged at the San Bruno Senior Center, and other public facilities. City programming has also resumed.

FISCAL IMPACT: There are no new expenditures to report to the City Council.

Since the declaration of emergency in March of 2020, the City of San Bruno has recorded the emergency expenditure of \$200,120 out of the City's emergency reserve funds for COVID related operations. In total, the City has recorded a total COVID related expenditure of \$2.08 million including facilities enhancement projects (i.e. keyless entry system to City Hall), COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies, and initial response and adaptation to remote programming/services.

In total, the City has received Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements totaling \$127,384 and awaiting the disbursement of an additional obligated \$13,884.25.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: There is no environmental impact. The action is not a project subject to CEQA. City Council's action is not considered a "Project" per CEQA Guidelines and therefore no further environmental analysis is required.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive Written Update on the City's Response Efforts to COVID-19 and Adopt Resolution Terminating the Local Emergency Declared by the City in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Keep the emergency declaration open and active.
2. Direct staff to develop criteria to measure when the emergency declaration should be terminated.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. San Mateo County Health Data Dashboards