



# ***Agenda Report***

## ***Fullerton City Council***

**MEETING DATE:** JULY 6, 2021

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**SUBMITTED BY:** STEVE DANLEY, ACTING CITY MANAGER

**PREPARED BY:** ADAM LOESER, FIRE CHIEF

**SUBJECT:** LOCAL EMERGENCY TERMINATION

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### **SUMMARY**

The City Manager, as the Director of Disaster Services, declared a local emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 16, 2020. City Council ratified the Proclamation on March 17, 2020. The State of California officially reopened on June 15, 2021 and the Acting City Manager, as the Director of Disaster Services, recommends terminating the City's local emergency declaration.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Resolution No. 2021-XX.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMING TERMINATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

### **PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT**

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Public Safety.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact due to modifications or repeal of the Proclamation of Local Emergency. Staff has reviewed and found no conflicts with receipt of Federal or State aid to support City of Fullerton pandemic efforts.

## DISCUSSION

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency as part of the State of California's (State's) response to the developing COVID-19 crisis to help preserve available medical resources and prevent the catastrophic failure of the hospital system due to an anticipated surge in COVID-19 cases. On March 16, 2020, the City Manager, as the Director of Disaster Services, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency in response to guidance from the State about controlling the spread of the coronavirus. City Council ratified the Proclamation on March 17, 2020.

City Council's action authorized the City's Director of Disaster Services (City Manager) to take certain actions to protect the health and safety of the community and stated that the local emergency would remain in effect until terminated by City Council proclamation. City Council extended the Proclamation of Local Emergency several times, most recently on June 15, 2021, to enable the City to remain in a position to handle continuing issues related to COVID-19

In early April 2021, Governor Newsom announced the State's intention to move beyond its Blueprint for a Safer Economy and fully reopen the California economy on June 15, provided that California has a sufficient vaccine supply for all Californians aged 16 years and older who desire immunization and the State's hospitalization rate remains stable and low. As of June 15, 2021, the State has met those conditions and all sectors, except mega events, defined as having 5,000 indoor or 10,000 outdoor attendees, have permission to return to normal business operations with no capacity limits nor social distancing required.

California law states that a legislative body should terminate all states of emergency at the "earliest possible date" (California Government Code Section 8629). Therefore, staff has prepared the attached resolution, which would terminate the March 17, 2020 local emergency effective July 15, 2021. Repeal of the current local order would still leave the City in compliance with Governor's State of Emergency and would not impact staff nor our partner agencies' continued coordination in the pandemic and vaccination response.

### Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Draft Resolution No. 2021-XX