

RESOLUTION NO. 8091

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS CALLING ON GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO SET A TIMETABLE AND BEGIN REOPENING BUSINESSES IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO ALLOW INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES, REGIONS WITHIN COUNTIES, AND TYPES OF BUSINESSES WITHIN REGIONS TO REOPEN AT DIFFERING SPEEDS BASED ON A HIGH RISK/LOW RISK DETERMINATION

WHEREAS, international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "coronavirus disease 2019," abbreviated COVID-19 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and announced that the federal government would make emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 8065 proclaiming the existence of a local emergency pursuant to section 2.52.100 of the Redlands Municipal Code to set forth the applicable the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Organization of the City as prescribed by state law, ordinance, and resolutions of this City and by the City of Redlands' Emergency Plan to ensure an effective response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-33-20 to implement directives developed by the State Public Health Officer that require all individuals living in the State of California to stay at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure and other essential sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and the San Bernardino County Health Officer have all issued recommendations and/or orders including but not limited to social distancing, staying home if sick, canceling or postponing large group events, working from home, and other precautions to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Redlands as follows:

Section 1. The City Council recognizes the continued need to support thoughtful and strategic physical distancing measures, testing, contact tracing, and limits on large gatherings in

order to continue to effectively manage the COVID-19 disaster and protect the lives of Californians.

Section 2. The City Council equally recognizes this sudden and deep economic recession is having increasingly disastrous impacts on the lives of Californians. If allowed to continue, this economic disaster will inevitably deepen the crisis of homelessness, raise poverty levels, increase crime and blight, and most greatly harm our State's most vulnerable populations.

Section 3. In order to continue to combat the COVID-19 pandemic while restarting our State's economy and preventing further harm from both these disasters, it is critical that by May 22, 2020, we have a clearly defined, multi-phased plan for the re-opening of businesses in California. This plan must include specific dates and timetables, not generalities.

Section 4. The State of California needs to provide additional flexibility within the State Health Order to allow individual counties, regions within counties, and types of businesses within regions to reopen at differing speeds based on a high risk/low risk determination, as well as the appropriate health data metrics.

Section 5. The City Council is calling upon Governor Newsom and our State Legislature to work with medical and business communities and define the plan together with all urgency, knowing that we all seek the good of our State and believing that together, we will be able to both bring the COVID-19 pandemic to an end and restart our economic engine so that businesses and families can thrive again.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its issuance.

Section 7. Copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Gavin Newsom, Congressman Pete Aguilar, Senator Mike Morrell, Assembly Member James Ramos, League of California Cities Executive Director Carolyn Coleman, and League of California Cities Regional Affairs Manager Laura Morales.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 19th day of May, 2020.


Paul W. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk

I, Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk of the City of Redlands, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the 19th day of May, 2020.

AYES: Councilmembers Barich, Tejeda, Momberger; Mayor Foster
NOES: Council Member Davis
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None



Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk