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LAGUNA NIGUEL PROCLAIMS EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY; CITY COUNCIL RATIFIES PROCLAMATION

Laguna Niguel, CA – On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, during an emergency meeting, the Laguna Niguel City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2020-1314, which ratified the ‘Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency’ that was executed on Monday, March 16, 2020 by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services. The Proclamation was executed given that the City’s highest priority is the safety, health, and well-being of its residents; and, due to current conditions of extreme risk stemming from COVID-19 (Coronavirus) which warrants a local emergency.

Ratification of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency allows the City of Laguna Niguel to, in the event it is necessary, mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by State and Federal governments should costs be incurred in response to COVID-19.

In addition to this Proclamation, the City has taken numerous precautionary actions in response to COVID-19. These actions include, cancelling or postponing all City events, gatherings, and engagements, and temporary closure of all City facilities to the public until further notice. Though Sea Country Senior and Community has been temporarily closed, the Senior Lunch Program and Meals on Wheels program are being maintained. Seniors with questions regarding these programs should call Sea Country Senior and Community Center at (949) 425-5151, Monday – Friday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Laurie Davies stated, “This is an extraordinary and unprecedented time. It is also a time to come together as a community to help each other so that we can all get through this health crisis as one. As we continue navigating the ever-changing impacts of the Coronavirus, we will continue to monitor the situation and evaluate potential actions, all with your well-being at the forefront of all critical discussions and decisions. None of our actions are meant to alarm you, but rather, they are meant to inform you, to help prepare you, and allow you to safely engage in our community’s goal of preventing the spread of this virus so that we can maintain the high quality of life only found in Laguna Niguel.”

In addition to these preventative actions, the City is providing resources and services to its residents, businesses, and visitors online and via telephone. The City strongly encourages the public to visit its website at www.cityoflagunaniguel.org or call (949) 362-4300 for updates and information on how to best be served. Residents may also visit www.ochealthinfo.com/novelcoronavirus for information from the Orange County Health Care Agency.

Residents should continue to practice good hygiene, social distancing practices, and re-evaluate attendance at any planned events.

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