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## City of Cupertino Proclaims Local Emergency Regarding the COVID-19 Outbreak

City Manager Deborah Feng has proclaimed a local emergency today for the City of Cupertino in connection with the COVID-19 outbreak.

“I have officially proclaimed a local emergency to allow us access to resources we may not have been able to receive otherwise,” Feng said. “The City continues to closely monitor the COVID-19 outbreak and is taking action to ensure the health and safety of our community. However, these efforts consume considerable time and other resources. This proclamation gives the City the opportunity to receive funding from the federal and state government to cover the mounting expenses needed to contain the spread of COVID-19.”

The proclamation will go before the City Council for ratification at the Council’s regularly scheduled meeting on March 17, 2020.

“I fully support City Manager Deborah Feng’s thoughtful decision to proclaim a local emergency in Cupertino,” Vice Mayor Darcy Paul said. “This will ensure that the City has access to needed resources that will allow for a heightened level of public safety.”

*Attachment: Signed Local Emergency Proclamation*

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# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** Cupertino Municipal Code Section 2.40.060 empowers the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim (subject to ratification by the City Council within seven days) the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

**WHEREAS,** the Director of the Emergency Services of the City does hereby find the following:

1. A novel coronavirus (named "COVID-19") was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat with outcomes ranging from mild sickness to severe illness and death. COVID-19 has spread globally to over 85 countries, infected more than 95,000 people, and killed more than 3,000 individuals.
2. On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. On January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency.
3. On January 31, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in the County of Santa Clara ("County").
4. On February 3, 2020, the County Health Officer determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in the County and issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency. At the same time, the County Director of Emergency Services declared the existence of a Local Emergency in the County.
5. On February 10, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors ratified and extended the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency and the Proclamation of a Local Emergency.
6. By March 4, 2020 the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 had increased to eleven (11) in the County with confirmed community spread. The California Department of Health Services reported its first death related to

COVID-19 and the Governor of California declared a state of emergency.

7. By March 5, 2020, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 had increased to twenty (20) in the County, with strong evidence of increasing community spread. The County expanded its guidance as a result.
8. By March 6, 2020, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 had increased to twenty-four (24) in the County, with strong evidence of increasing community spread.
9. By March 9, 2020, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 had increased to forty-three (43) in the County. On March 9, 2020, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department announced the first death from COVID-19 in the County. The County Health Officer imposed a countywide moratorium on mass gatherings of 1,000 or more persons to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
10. On March 10, 2020 the County Board of Supervisors again ratified and extended the Proclamation of a Local Health Emergency.
11. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

**WHEREAS,** The above facts give rise to conditions of extreme peril to the safety and health of persons within the City.

**WHEREAS,** These conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

**WHEREAS,** The efforts required to prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from the increasing spread of COVID-19 have and will continue to impose extraordinary requirements and expenses on the City, requiring diversion of resources from day-to-day operations; and


**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Cupertino is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session.

**THEREFORE,** It is hereby proclaimed that a local emergency now exists throughout the City; and


**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED,** that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinance, and resolutions of this City; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire in seven (7) days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the City Council of the City of Cupertino.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

BY:

  
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Deborah Feng  
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City of Cupertino

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City of Cupertino