



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 8, 2022

Subject: Emergency Declaration Resolution

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Attachment(s):

1. Resolution No. 2022-xx

Initiated by:

Staff

Previous Council Consideration:

March 12, 2020 (Declaration of Emergency); March 17, 2020; August 24, 2021; October 12, 2021; November 9, 2021; December 7, 2021; January 11, 2022; February 8, 2022

Fiscal Impact:

None. However, a local emergency declaration is a prerequisite for requesting state or federal assistance.

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the Council wish to renew its existing declaration by adopting a resolution declaring a local emergency to emphasize the need for continued adherence to public health guidance?

Summary:

- AB 361 requires the City to adopt a resolution every 30 days extending a local emergency declaration to continue to allow legislative bodies to meet virtually

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-xx extending the declaration of a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Reviewed By:

City Manager

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City Attorney

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Finance Director

JE



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Purpose

To adopt a resolution extending the existing declaration of emergency

Background

On March 12, 2020, the City Manager issued an Emergency Declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-08 ratifying the Emergency Proclamation. The City Council most recently adopted a resolution on January 11, 2022 continuing the declaration of the existence of a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The threat posed by COVID-19 continues to pose a serious risk to the public health and safety of the City of Los Altos.

Discussion/Analysis

Resolution No. 2021-46 states that the Director of Emergency Services (City Manager) is to report to the City Council within sixty (60) days on the need for further continuing the local emergency.

AB 361, signed into law on September 15, 2021, allows a public agency to continue to hold virtual City Council and Commission meetings while under a declaration of emergency without complying with certain elements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. The bill requires that a legislative body renew the declaration of emergency every 30 days in order to continue meeting in this matter. AB 361 applies to local agencies until January 1, 2024.

Recommendation

The staff recommends Council adopt the attached resolution extending the declaration of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.