

MEETING DATE: 03/07/2023

ITEM NO: 4

DATE: March 1, 2023

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Proclaiming the Termination of the Local Emergency

Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution proclaiming the termination of the local emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

BACKGROUND:

Los Gatos Municipal Code Section No. 8.10.035, Article A-1 empowers the Director of Emergency Services (Town Manager) to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the Town of Los Gatos is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Town Council is not in session. On March 12, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a local emergency within the Town due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 17, 2020, the Town Council adopted Resolution 2020-08 Ratifying and Continuing the Proclamation of Existence of Local Emergency Issued by the Director of Emergency Services (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION:

The California Emergency Services Act (California Government Code Section 8550, et seq.) provides that once the Town Council determines that there is no need to continue the local emergency, the Council shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date. The County of Santa Clara demobilized its remaining COVID-19 mass vaccination and mass testing sites by February 28, 2023 due to the upcoming end of the federal and state emergency declarations related to COVID-19. On February 28, 2023, the Governor of the State of California ended the state emergency declaration related to COVID-19.

Reviewed by: Town Manager and Town Attorney

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CONCLUSION:

For these reasons, staff recommends that the Town Council adopt a Resolution (Attachment 2) proclaiming the termination of the local emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the earliest opportunity to terminate this local emergency.

COORDINATION:

This item has been coordinated with the Town Clerk and Town Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The consideration of the Resolution is not a project defined under the California Environmental Quality Act, and no further action is required.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution 2020-08 Ratifying and Continuing the Proclamation of Existence of Local Emergency Issued by the Director of Emergency Services
- 2. Draft Resolution Proclaiming the Termination of the Local Emergency Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic