



Office of Council President

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COVID-19 UPDATE
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Need Help Finding Resources? The County's 2-1-1 System can help, in many languages.
Call 211 on your phone or visit <https://211sandiego.org/>
For City of San Diego COVID-19 updates, visit: <https://www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus>

Dear San Diego Residents,

Now is the time to come together and take care of each other. We must protect the public health and slow the spread of the virus by following the Stay-At-Home order:

- Everyone needs to stay home except to take care of essential needs or go to an essential job.
- Practice social distancing. Keep at least six feet away from other people unless they're family. Avoid gatherings of any size.

The City Council, working in close partnership with Mayor Faulconer, is taking action to make sure that people throughout the City can more easily follow the [Stay-At-Home](#) order.

Special Emergency City Council Meeting: Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 25, 10:00 a.m

Last week, I introduced a set of 14 actions to provide protection and relief for San Diegans impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Tomorrow, the City Council will be [hearing two items](#) to help protect homes and businesses:

- ***Moratorium on Residential and Commercial Evictions***

First, the Council will vote on a temporary moratorium on evictions of residents who cannot pay rent, and businesses that cannot make their lease payments, due to financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 outbreak.

As part of the action proposed, the Council will ask City staff to work with banks and lenders to halt foreclosures of properties whose owners are unable to make mortgage payments, and seek local, state, and federal economic aid packages to provide relief to landlords.

- ***Creating a San Diego Small Business Relief Fund***

In addition, the City's Economic Development Department will present to Council a proposal to establish a Small Business Relief Fund to support San Diego businesses affected by the COVID-19 crisis. The relief fund would be created by repurposing nearly \$4 million in existing grant funding.

- ***How to Provide Public Comment or View the City Council Meeting***

Until further notice, City Council meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of [California Executive Order 29-20](#), which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Most, if not all, of the Council members will participate via teleconference.

No members public will be in attendance.

- Members of the public may submit their comments on agenda items using this [public comment form](#). Comments submitted using the public comment form (which will be read into the record) are limited to 200 words.
- Attachments to comments may be sent to cityclerk@sandiego.gov; they will be distributed to the Council members.
- You can watch view the meetings on (within the City of San Diego only) on CityTV Channel 24 for Cox Communications and Time Warner Cable or Channel 99 for AT&T, or view the meetings online using live streaming at this [link](#).

In Solidarity,

WHERE TO GO FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION

State of California: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

County of San Diego: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/>

City of San Diego: www.sandiego.gov

San Diego Unified School District: <https://www.sandiegounified.org/>

Other Schools: <https://www.sdcoe.net>

California Labor & Workforce Development Agency:
<http://www.labor.ca.gov/>

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