Dear Community,

Thank you for your composure and poise during this global pandemic. I am proud to know that neighbors are helping neighbors, as we work together to follow the County Public Health orders and the State and Local Executive Orders. This is our third COVID–19 update, along with daily updates on our social media assets (@cd4monica on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook). From the beginning, my office has been committed to providing accurate information to our residents. We are answering your inquiries and directing you to the proper resources.

Special City Council Meeting Update

Today, a special San Diego City Council meeting was convened to act on two agenda items: (1) to ratify the Mayor’s Local Emergency declaration, and (2) to vote on comprehensive actions to address COVID–19 impacts on our most vulnerable residents.

Item 600 (passed unanimously): Declaring a State of Local Emergency Regarding COVID–19 Virus Discussion & Actions included:

• Ratified the Mayor’s Local Emergency Declaration, which allows the City to access additional resources; the duration of the Local Emergency is extended 30 days from today (March 17)
• Assured the public that crucial city services will continue: trash and recycle collection, clean water, waste water services and more
• Assured the public that there is no spike in public safety requests for fire–rescue and police – experiencing average call volume
• Activated Continuity of Operations and Emergency Operations Plans
• Recognized city–wide cooperation and efforts, including cooperation from businesses on gatherings, and the hard work of the city’s employees during the COVID–19 pandemic – an unprecedented public health crisis
• Noted that all City facilities are closed to the public except for parks

Item 601 (passed): Consideration of Comprehensive Actions to Address Coronavirus Impacts

This item prioritized fourteen (14) proposed actions, including a request to the Mayor and City Attorney to draft an emergency ordinance to address a temporary moratorium on COVID–19 related evictions and to adopt several resolutions that address the social and economic impacts of the COVID–19 pandemic.

Many of our residents have wondered about economic relief and residential eviction protections. At City Hall, we are working to address your concerns and alleviate the burdens associated with the global pandemic.

Beginning, Wednesday, March 18, 2020 our team will be working remotely in compliance with public health orders on social distancing. We are very much available to serve you during this time. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your concerns. Please see contact information below for each staff person.

Sincerely,

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