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### **Gardena Proclaims Existence of Local Emergency**

As the City Manager and the Director of Emergency Services, I proclaimed the existence of a local emergency in the City of Gardena. The proclamation shall continue to exist for a period of 7 days or until the City Council takes action to ratify or terminate the proclamation of local emergency. The City Council will be meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. to address emergency items only, including the emergency proclamation.

The City recognizes the very real potential for widespread community transmission of COVID-19 occurring among the general public and the need for the City of Gardena to work cooperatively and proactively to slow the spread of COVID-19 and address any challenges that may arise due to any outbreak of this disease in the City.

In an effort to protect our residents, business partners, visitors and employees, we are conferring with medical experts and the consulting guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and will be following the State and County guidelines. **Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the City of Gardena will be implementing the following actions:**

- All City facilities will be closed to the public until further notice.
- The City will be canceling or postponing all gatherings and events that exceed 50 people until further notice.
- All public meetings have been canceled until further notice.
- We will be following the County of Los Angeles' mandate of the closure of all bars, fitness centers and movie theaters. Restaurants are directed to move to takeout only.

With that being said, I urge all residents of the City of Gardena to continue to practice safety guidelines when dealing with COVID-19 or Coronavirus:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limit close contact with others, and practice social distancing.
- Get the flu shot if you have not done so already.

I also urge residents to remain calm and refrain from panic buying and hoarding. Our local stores will continue to replenish food and other items on a daily basis and there is no need

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to purchase more than what is needed and necessary. This allows our other residents such as our seniors, the access to food and other supplies needed on a daily basis.

Lastly, the City has plans in place to ensure all critical functions of City government remain operational during this time. Non-essential services have been curtailed in coordination with countywide response measures. Department contact information and information about changes in services can be found on <https://www.cityofgardena.org/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

Sincerely,



Clint Osorio  
City Manager

