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March 12, 2020

Pacifica Community Members,

The City of Pacifica is taking action and precautions specific to Pacifica regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and is closely following the lead and recommendations from San Mateo County Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for guidance. I, along with Mayor Pro Tem Beckmeyer and Councilmembers Bier, O'Neill, and Vaterlaus strongly encourage you to pay close attention to information being disseminated by the City, the County, and the CDC, and to follow the recommendations rigorously.

As of March 12, 2020, San Mateo County has twenty (20) confirmed cases of COVID-19. In an effort to maintain consistent messaging throughout the County, we are directing community members to information posted and updated on the San Mateo County Health website at [smchealth.org/coronavirus](http://smchealth.org/coronavirus). This same site for information is being promoted through all city department social media platforms, as is a dedicated webpage on the City of Pacifica website: [www.cityofpacifica.org/coronavirus](http://www.cityofpacifica.org/coronavirus). The City's webpage will also include Pacifica-specific information. This is a rapidly evolving situation, so the information will continue to be updated frequently.

In addition to the precautionary guidelines listed below, the City would like to emphasize the importance of *social distancing practices*. Consistent with San Mateo County Health Officer Scott Morrow's suggestions, the City will be cancelling non-essential gatherings. Furthermore, the recommendation is that at any gatherings you choose to attend, you attempt to stay at least 6 feet away from all other people. In coming days, some City facilities, programs, and services will be closed or limited; these details will be communicated widely. In addition, the City has increased cleaning services for all public counters. While a few essential City meetings, such as Planning Commission meetings and City Council meetings, will continue to be held as of now, the City will be implementing convenient alternative public participation methods so that *social distancing* can be attempted as much as possible.

Pacifica is prepared for this situation to worsen. The Pacifica Police Department and the North County Fire Authority are working in collaboration with San Mateo County Health, and we have taken steps to ensure that our first responders are prepared and trained to respond to those situations. City staff are in contact with San Mateo County Health and receiving daily updates. City staff have also taken steps to develop operational plans to continue essential City services should City employees or facilities be affected by the virus.

Here are specific guidelines from the CDC and San Mateo County Health you should follow to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 in our community. Many of these recommendations are the same measures we take to slow the spread of the common cold and the flu.

- Stop shaking hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth, and face with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze.
- If you are ill, or experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms stay home from work or school
- Use a barrier, such as a paper towel or tissue, to touch commonly touched surfaces, such as door handles or elevator buttons.
- Surgical masks don't offer much protection when worn by people who are well. They are most helpful when worn by those who are already sick so that they are less likely to transmit the disease to others.
- If you feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, or were in close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the 14 days before you began to feel sick, call your medical health provider before visiting a doctor's office or the emergency room.

***Please help share this information with those who may not have access to online resources.***

Additionally, the San Mateo County Public Call Center for COVID-19 is an easily accessible location for information in multiple languages, and is available 24/7. Simply call 2-1-1 from a telephone or text "coronavirus" to 2-1-1-2-1-1.

For local COVID-19 Coronavirus updates visit San Mateo County Health:

<https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>

For additional information from the CDC visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/protect/index.html>

For Pacifica-specific information visit:

[www.cityofpacific.org/coronavirus](http://www.cityofpacific.org/coronavirus)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deirdre Martin".

DEIRDRE MARTIN

Mayor