



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MIKE POSEY, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE: JULY 6, 2021

**SUBJECT: DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO TERMINATE
HUNTINGTON BEACH'S EXISTING COVID-19 LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

On March 16, 2020, the City Council authorized the declaration of a local emergency in light of the COVID-19 crisis. That decision built on the March 4, 2020, determination of Governor Gavin Newsom to declare a State of Emergency as part of California's response to the pandemic.

At the time, the determination was necessary in order to streamline decision making processes, protect the health and safety of the community, and position Huntington Beach to access Federal and State funding as part of our local response to the COVID-19 emergency.

After more than a year of pandemic induced restrictions, on June 15, Governor Newsom ended its COVID-19 *Blueprint for a Safer Economy*, which in effect fully reopened the California economy. Today, all business sectors, save for large-scale special events, have been allowed to return to normal business operations.

Given our current situation, I am requesting that the City Council vote to direct the City Manager to prepare the documents necessary to terminate Huntington Beach's current COVID-19 local emergency declaration.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

I recommend that the City Council vote to direct the City Manager to prepare for consideration the documents necessary to terminate Huntington Beach's current COVID-19 local emergency declaration.