



March 19, 2020

Dear Carson Community,

I'm sure you're all aware by now that we are in the middle of a global health crisis.

These are unprecedented times and the situation is evolving on a daily basis. The City of Carson is proactively following all national and state mandates. On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at our regularly scheduled City Council meeting, we declared a state of local emergency (Resolution No. 20-053 is on the City's website), and provided direction to protect the public health and safety of our residents, employees and community.

On Thursday, March 12, the Governor declared a state emergency, and on March 13, the President declared a federal emergency; accordingly, many city facilities began closing to the public starting Monday, March 16. On Tuesday, March 17, the City was notified that a Carson resident tested positive for the Coronavirus, and hence the declaration for local emergency pursuant to Resolution No. 20-053.

I will remain working at City Hall with our city leadership team, but some of our staff will be off or working from home to practice responsible social distancing.

To aid residents and businesses financially during this difficult time, the City Council is considering suspending all fines, late payments, parking citations, and business license fees that are incurred beginning March 18 and at least through April 21, or until further notice.

We are also considering, in this time of crisis, an emergency ordinance to prohibit and penalize price-gouging and to prohibit and penalize both residential and commercial evictions.

We need to take serious actions now to suppress the spread of Coronavirus. Therefore, we are temporarily closing our public facilities throughout Carson. Beginning, Wednesday,

March 18, we started to transition to online and telephone services to ensure the public safety of our residents, employees and community.

The operational changes approved by the City Council are as follows:

### **City Hall**

- City Hall is closed to the public through April 21, or until further notice.
- Essential City services will continue, but in-person services at City Hall will be suspended through April 21, or until further notice.
- City Hall will transition to online services; residents and businesses are encouraged to use online public services to continue receiving services.
- In addition to online services, the City will accommodate the lack of in-person services by heavily staffing the City phone lines.

### **Parks**

- All parks, playgrounds, bathrooms and buildings are closed to the public through April 21, or until further notice:
  - Anderson Park (19101 S. Wilmington Ave.)
  - Calas Park (1000 E. 220<sup>th</sup> St.)
  - Carriage Crest Park (already closed for construction)
  - Carson Park (21411 Orrick Ave.)
  - Dominguez Park (21330 Santa Fe Ave.)
  - Del Amo Park (703 E. Del Amo Blvd.)
  - Dolphin Park (21205 S. Water St.)
  - Foisia Park, Fabela Boxing Center & Foisia Pool (23410 Catskill Ave.)
  - Hemingway Park & Hemingway Aquatic Center (700 E. Gardena Blvd.)
  - Mills Park (1340 E. Dimondale Dr.)
  - Stevenson Park (17400 Lysander Dr.)
  - Veterans Park & Veterans SportsComplex (22400 Moneta St.)
- Corporate City Yard (Reservations – 2400 E. Dominguez St.)
- Community Center (Reservations & Human Services – 801 E. Carson St.)
- City Hall (701 E. Carson St.)
- City Pools (Carson Pool, Dominguez Aquatic Center, Hemmingway Aquatic Center and Foisia Pool)
- All recreation programs, classes and reservations are canceled through April 21, or until further notice.
- All youth and adult sporting activities are suspended through April 21, or until further notice.
- Community Services staff will be providing support to our most vulnerable community. The City has created a “Senior Task Force” and it can be reached at (310) 952-1750.

## City Services

- All services requiring in-person visits or public service counter assistance (including licensing and building permits) will be made available via phone, online or through email.
- Building inspection services will continue.
- The Carson Sheriff's Department will remain open, though the City encourages everyone to call (310) 830-1123 for non-emergency police assistance, general information and questions.
- All Public Works services will remain in place with the exception of in-person permit submissions, which can be made by calling (310) 847-3520.
- Refuse collection and street sweeping will continue per the usual schedule.

## Financial Support for Residents and Businesses

- The City also will be returning all park fees and other City fees for canceled activities and events at City facilities.

## City Meetings

- Carson City Council, City Planning and the City Reclamation Authority meetings will take place via virtual/teleconference.
- All other Commission meetings are canceled at least through April, or until further notice.
- Written comments may also be submitted by email to [cityclerk@carson.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@carson.ca.us).

**Closure of Businesses** – Pursuant to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer for Control of COVID-19 (March 16, 2020), the following types of businesses have been ordered closed:

- Bars and nightclubs that do not serve food.
- Movie theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys, and arcades;
- Gyms and fitness centers; and
- Wineries, breweries, and tap rooms that provide tastings.

**Restaurants – Pick-up or Delivery Service Only.** All restaurants may only prepare and offer food that is provided to customers via pick-up for takeout dining, delivery service, or drive-thru.

Bars and nightclubs that offer food to consumers may remain open only for purposes of preparing and offering food to consumers via pick-up, delivery service, or drive-thru. Restaurants must require patrons or groups of patrons who are ordering food and beverages to be and remain at least six (6) feet apart from each other while inside the facility.

This does not apply to the following:

- Cafeterias, commissaries, and other facilities located within hospitals, nursing homes, governmental buildings that provide essential services to the public, or within other licensed health care facilities;
- Grocery stores and pharmacies; and
- Charitable or governmental organizations providing meals to the indigent population.

The City encourages all residents to visit <http://ci.carson.ca.us/Default.aspx> for up-to-date facts on COVID-19 and to avoid misinformation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ALB ROBLES". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Albert Robles  
Mayor