

CITY OF  
**ANTIOCH**  
CALIFORNIA

**CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Antioch City Council  
Special Meeting

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Antioch City Council. Said meeting shall be held on the following date, time and place:


**DATE:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M. Special Meeting

**PLACE:** The City of Antioch, in response to the Executive Order of the Governor and the Order of the Health Officer of Contra Costa County concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease, is making Antioch City Council meetings available via Comcast channel 24, AT&T U-verse channel 99, or live stream (at [www.antiochca.gov](http://www.antiochca.gov)).

The only items of business to be considered at such special meeting shall be set forth on the Special Meeting Agenda.

Dated: March 26, 2020

  
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SEAN WRIGHT, Mayor  
City of Antioch



## **ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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**Sean Wright**, Mayor  
**Joyann Motts**, Mayor Pro Tem  
**Monica E. Wilson**, Council Member  
**Lamar Thorpe**, Council Member  
**Lori Ogorchock**, Council Member

**Arne Simonsen, CMC**, City Clerk  
**James D. Davis**, City Treasurer  
  
**Ron Bernal**, City Manager  
**Thomas Lloyd Smith**, City Attorney

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**7:01 P.M.      ROLL CALL – SPECIAL MEETING – for Council Members – *All Present***

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

**1.      URGENCY ORDINANCE: MORATORIUM ON TEMPORARY EVICTIONS**

***Ord, No. 2182-C-S adopted amending paragraph 3.f, 5/0***

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council introduce the urgency ordinance by title only, waive further reading, and adopt the urgency ordinance enacting a temporary moratorium on evictions for residential and commercial tenants financially impacted by the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“**COVID-19**”). (A four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council is required for approval.)

**2.      DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL MORATORIUM ON RENT INCREASES AND NEW FEES DURING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE CORONAVIRUS WITH DIRECTION TO STAFF**

***Direction given to the City Attorney***

**MOTION TO ADJOURN – *The Mayor will make a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second of the motion is required, and then a majority vote is required to adjourn the meeting.***

***Motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:48 p.m., 5/0***





This Urgency Ordinance is consistent with the authority provided in the Governor's Executive Order N-28-20 and remains in effect until May 31, 2020 or the expiration of the local emergency or the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency, whichever is later.

The Ordinance applies to nonpayment eviction notices and unlawful detainer actions based on such notices, that are served or filed on or after March 16, 2020 and until the expiration of this Ordinance. The Ordinance is currently set to expire on May 31, 2020, or the expiration of the local emergency or the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency, whichever is later. The City Council can take further action at a later date if it determines that the moratorium needs to be extended.

Once a landlord knows that a tenant cannot pay some or all of the rent temporarily for the Coronavirus-related reasons covered in the ordinance, the landlord cannot serve a notice pursuant to Civil Code of Procedure section 1161, file, or prosecute an unlawful detainer action based on a three-day pay or quit notice or otherwise seek to evict the tenant for nonpayment of rent.

The Ordinance requires tenants to inform landlords in writing of their inability to pay full rent within 14 days after rent is due after they become aware of a substantial decrease in household income or business income or out-of-pocket medical expenses that would prevent them from paying full rent.

A landlord is deemed to have knowledge that a tenant is unable to pay rent within the meaning of the Ordinance when the tenant, within 14 days after the date that rent is due, notifies the landlord in writing of the tenant's inability to pay the full rent because of a substantial decrease in household or business income or the need to pay out-of-pocket medical expenses that were caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, or by any local, state, or federal government response to the Coronavirus, and the tenant provides documentation to support the claim. Any medical or financial information provided to the landlord must be held in confidence, and only used for evaluating the tenant's claim.

The Ordinance temporarily relieves the tenant of liability for the unpaid rent. The landlord may seek any unpaid rent after the expiration of this Ordinance. The tenant must pay any unpaid rent within six (6) months of the date of expiration of the Ordinance, unless a state law or order is amended or adopted providing for a longer repayment period. If so, the longer repayment period of the state law or order shall apply under this Ordinance. The Ordinance does not establish rent forgiveness.

A landlord may not charge or collect a late fee for rent that is delayed for the reasons identified above, nor may a landlord seek rent that is delayed for the reasons defined in the Ordinance through the eviction process.

Staff recommends that City Council temporarily pause eviction actions for residential tenants that are at-risk due to loss of income or other factors relating to the Coronavirus emergency to ensure that Antioch residential rental tenants can maintain housing

security, stay healthy to prevent further spread of the virus, and remain safe during this already difficult time.

Staff anticipates that many commercial tenants will continue to lose revenue during the shelter in place period through April 7th, or longer if the Order is extended. Additionally, many businesses will take time to recover once the pandemic has subsided. Therefore, staff recommends that the Ordinance include commercial tenants.

As the City Council continues to prioritize stability for its residents and businesses, reducing impacts to both groups during this local emergency is essential to prevent homelessness and the permanent closure of businesses in the City due to economic hardships created by the Coronavirus. The Ordinance provides temporary forbearance to those who qualify, by providing six-months to catch up on unpaid rent and forbidding late fees from being charged for qualified tenants, e.g. those that can demonstrate loss of income or revenue.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Urgency Ordinance
2. Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-28-20, March 16, 2020
3. Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20, March 19, 2020
4. Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-37-20, March 27, 2020
5. Health Officer of Contra Costa County's Shelter in Place Order, March 16, 2020

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH ENACTING A  
TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS DUE TO NONPAYMENT OF RENT  
FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TENANTS WHERE THE FAILURE TO PAY  
RENT RESULTS FROM INCOME LOSS RESULTING FROM THE  
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, governments and public health professionals around the world have detected and are actively responding to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (the “**Coronavirus**” or “**COVID-19**”), a potentially life-threatening infectious disease that causes respiratory illness with fever, coughing, and/or difficulty breathing and for which there is currently no known natural immunity or vaccine;

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus outbreak a public health emergency of international concern;

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the California Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in California as a result of the threat of the Coronavirus;

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, Contra Costa County proclaimed a local emergency caused by the introduction of Coronavirus and its contribution to the shortage of essential health care supplies;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency due to the Coronavirus;

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, Contra Costa County Health Officer issued an order prohibiting mass gatherings of 100 or more persons and as defined in the order;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175, seven health officers within six Bay Area counties, including Contra Costa County, issued a legal order directing their respective residents to shelter at home for three weeks beginning March 17, 2020 in an effort to reduce and slow the spread of the Coronavirus by limiting activity, travel and business functions to only the most essential needs;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-28-20 ordering waiver of time limitations set forth in Penal Code section 396(f) concerning protections against residential evictions, and suspending any provision of state law that would preempt or otherwise restrict a local government’s exercise of its police power to impose substantive limitations on residential or commercial evictions related to the Coronavirus. The order further suspended statutory causes of action for judicial foreclosure, including Code of Civil Procedure section 725a et seq., the statutory cause of action for unlawful detainer, Code of Civil Procedure section 1161 et seq., and any other statutory cause of action that could be used to evict or otherwise eject a residential tenant or occupant of residential real property after foreclosure;

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, pursuant to Section 4-2.06(A)(1) of the Antioch Municipal Code, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency;

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020 the City Council of the City of Antioch ratified the proclamation of the Director of Emergency services and proclaimed that a local emergency exists and shall continue to exist in the City of Antioch until the City Council resolves that the local emergency is terminated;

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, critical government services, schools, and construction, including housing construction;

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2020, the New York Times reported that the United States has the world's most reported Coronavirus cases with 81,321 and over 1,000 deaths have been linked to the Coronavirus in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, both large and small events across the Bay Area and in Antioch are being canceled or postponed due to the County and State Orders and recommendations at all levels of government to cancel large gatherings due to concerns about the spread of the virus;

**WHEREAS**, cancellations and postponements of conferences, events, activities, and meetings cause loss of revenue for businesses that rely on such gatherings to provide demand for their products and services;

**WHEREAS**, the California Constitution, Article XI, Section 7, provides cities and counties with the authority to enact ordinances to protect the health, safety, and general welfare, of their citizens;

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 36937 authorizes the City Council to introduce and adopt an ordinance it declares to be necessary as an emergency measure to preserve the public peace, health, and safety at one and the same meeting if passed by at least four-fifths affirmative votes;

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is a temporary moratorium intended to promote stability and fairness within the residential and commercial rental market in the City during the Coronavirus pandemic outbreak, and to prevent avoidable homelessness and evictions thereby serving the public peace, health, safety, and public welfare and to enable tenants in the City whose income and ability to work is affected due to the Coronavirus to remain in their homes;

**WHEREAS**, displacement through eviction destabilizes the living situation of tenants and impacts the health of Antioch residents and businesses by interfering with and disrupting employment, schooling, business relationships, and social networks that are important to citizens' welfare and the stability of communities within the City of Antioch;

**WHEREAS**, displacement through eviction creates undue hardship for tenants through additional relocation costs, and during the Coronavirus pandemic outbreak, affected tenants who have lost income due to impact on the economy or their employment may be at risk of homelessness if they are evicted for non-payment as they will have little or no income and thus be unable to secure other housing if evicted;

**WHEREAS**, housing instability threatens the public peace, health, and safety as eviction from one's home can lead to prolonged homelessness, the inability to remain gainfully employed, strain on social services, stress and anxiety experienced by those displaced, interruption of the education of children in the home; and increased exposure to, and spreading of the Coronavirus;

**WHEREAS**, businesses affected by the Coronavirus and may be unable to pay rent and, therefore, may be evicted resulting in negative impact on the local economy through layoffs, lost income and healthcare for employees, lost products and services for residents, and increased risk of life-threatening COVID-19 exposure;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds and determines that regulating the relations between residential and commercial landlords and tenants is essential to preventing the spread of the Coronavirus in the City and thereby serve the public peace, health, and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, an urgency ordinance that is effective immediately is necessary to avoid the immediate threat to public peace, health, and safety as failure to adopt this urgency ordinance would result in the avoidable displacement or exposure to the Coronavirus of the City's residents and community members and to the amplification of the factors that lead to the spread of the virus, as described in these Recitals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals.**

The City Council of the City of Antioch hereby finds that all of the Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference. The provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-28-20, including its recitals, are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

**Section 2. Urgency Findings.**

The City Council of the City of Antioch hereby finds that there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety and/or welfare and a need for immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety that warrants this urgency measure. This finding is based upon the facts stated in the Recitals above, the staff report dated March 31, 2020, as well any oral and written testimony at the March 31, 2020 City Council meeting.

This Ordinance and any moratorium that may be established hereunder is declared by the City Council to be an urgency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety. The facts constituting such urgency are all of those certain facts set forth and referenced in this Ordinance and the entirety of the record before the City Council.

**Section 3. Moratorium on Eviction for Nonpayment of Rent during the COVID-19 Emergency.**

A. During the term of this Ordinance, no landlord shall endeavor to evict a residential or commercial tenant for nonpayment of rent, including but not limited to any such action under Civil Code sections 1940 et seq. or 1954.25 et seq., if the tenant provides written documentation or other objectively verifiable proof evidencing the following:

1. The tenant's inability to pay rent is was caused by, or arises out of, a substantial decrease in household or business income (including but not limited to the circumstances described in subsections B or C) or substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses; and
2. The decrease in household income, or out-of-pocket medical expenses, was caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, or by any local, state, or federal government response to COVID-19.

B. **"Substantial decrease in household income"** includes but is not limited to loss of income caused by COVID-19 illness or caring for a household or family member with COVID-19 illness, work closures, layoffs, job loss, a reduction in the number of compensable hours or other economic or employer impacts of COVID-19, including missing work due to a minor child's school closure, compliance with government health authority orders, or a similarly-caused reason resulting in loss of household income due to COVID-19, that is substantiated with written documentation.

C. **"Substantial decrease in business income"** includes, but is not limited to, loss of income caused by work closures, reduction in staff reporting to work, reduction in opening hours, or reduction in consumer demand, compliance with government health authority orders, or other similarly caused reason resulting in loss of business income due to COVID-19, substantiated with written documentation or other objectively verifiable proof of same.

D. A landlord that knows that a tenant cannot pay some or all of the rent temporarily for the reasons set forth above shall not serve a notice pursuant to Civil Code of Procedure section 1161, file or prosecute an unlawful detainer action based on a three-day pay or quit notice, or otherwise seek to evict for nonpayment of rent.

E. The City encourages tenants to inform landlords in writing of their inability to pay full rent as soon as practicable after they become aware of a substantial decrease in household income or business income or out-of-pocket medical expenses that would prevent them from paying full rent. A landlord that knows of a tenant's inability to pay rent within the meaning of this Ordinance if the tenant, within 14 days after the date that rent is due, notifies the landlord in writing of the tenant's inability to pay the full rent because a substantial decrease in household or business income or the need to pay out-of-pocket medical expenses was caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, or by any local, state, or federal government response to COVID-19, and provides documentation to support the claim. Any medical or financial information provided to the landlord shall be held in confidence, and only used for evaluating the tenant's claim. For purposes of this

Ordinance, “**in writing**” includes email or text communications to a landlord or the landlord’s representative with whom the tenant has previously corresponded by email or text.

F. Nothing in this Ordinance relieves the tenant of liability for the unpaid rent, which the landlord may seek after the expiration of this Ordinance, and the tenant must pay within six (6) months of the date of expiration of this Ordinance, unless a state law or order is amended or adopted providing for a longer repayment period, in which case the payment period provided by the state law or order shall apply under this Ordinance.

G. A landlord may not charge or collect a late fee or any other new fees for rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance, nor may a landlord seek rent that is delayed for the reasons stated in this Ordinance through the eviction process.

H. This Ordinance may be asserted as an affirmative defense in any unlawful detainer action or other action brought by an owner or landlord to recover possession. A tenant may bring a civil suit seeking owner or landlord compliance with any provisions of this Ordinance.

I. This Ordinance applies to nonpayment eviction notices and unlawful detainer actions based on such notices, served or filed on or after March 16, 2020 and until the expiration of this Ordinance, as set forth in Section 7, below.

J. Courts shall have the sole discretion to determine in an unlawful detainer action or other eviction action whether the tenant’s written notice and documentation are sufficient to show a “**substantial decrease in household**” or “**substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses.**”

**Section 4. Moratorium on Judicial Foreclosures during the COVID-19 Emergency.**

As provided for in Executive Order N-28-20 and consistent with the other provisions in this Ordinance, the statutory cause of action for judicial foreclosure, Code of Civil Procedure section 725a et seq.; the statutory cause of action for unlawful detainer, Code of Civil Procedure section 1161 et seq.; and any other statutory cause of action that could be used to evict or otherwise eject a residential or commercial tenant or occupant of residential real property after foreclosure is hereby suspended as applied to any tenancy, or residential real property and any occupation thereof, to which a limitation on eviction is imposed pursuant to this Ordinance.

**Section 5. Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.**

The City Council hereby finds approval of this Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq., “**CEQA**,” and 14 Cal. Code Reg. §§ 15000 et seq., “**CEQA Guidelines**”) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Section 6. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this chapter is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter. The

City Council hereby declares that it would have passed the ordinance codified in this chapter, and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of this chapter would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**Section 7. Effective Date and Publication.**

This Urgency Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by not less than a four-fifths vote of the Antioch City Council pursuant to California Government Code Section 36937 and shall remain in effect until May 31, 2020 or the expiration of the local emergency or the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency, whichever is later. Prior to the expiration of fifteen days from the passage thereof, the ordinance or a summary thereof shall be posted or published as may be required by law.

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING URGENCY ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED** published at a special meeting of the City Council held on March 31, 2020 and passed by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

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**Sean Wright, Mayor of the City of Antioch**

**ATTEST:**

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**Arne Simonsen, CMC  
City Clerk of the City of Antioch**



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER N-28-20

**WHEREAS** on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** despite sustained efforts, the virus remains a threat, and further efforts to control the spread of the virus to reduce and minimize the risk of infection and otherwise mitigate the effects of COVID-19 are needed; and

**WHEREAS** the economic impacts of COVID-19 have been significant, and could threaten to undermine Californians' housing security and the stability of California businesses; and

**WHEREAS** many Californians are experiencing substantial losses of income as a result of business closures, the loss of hours or wages, or layoffs related to COVID-19, hindering their ability to keep up with their rents, mortgages, and utility bills; and

**WHEREAS** Californians who are most vulnerable to COVID-19, those 65 years and older, and those with underlying health issues, are advised to self-quarantine, self-isolate, or otherwise remain in their homes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** because homelessness can exacerbate vulnerability to COVID-19, California must take measures to preserve and increase housing security for Californians to protect public health; and

**WHEREAS** local jurisdictions, based on their particular needs, may therefore determine that additional measures to promote housing security and stability are necessary to protect public health or to mitigate the economic impacts of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** local jurisdictions may also determine, based on their particular needs, that promoting stability amongst commercial tenancies is also conducive to public health, such as by allowing commercial establishments to decide whether and how to remain open based on public health concerns rather than economic pressures, or to mitigate the economic impacts of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** in addition to these public health benefits, state and local policies to promote social distancing, self-quarantine, and self-isolation require that people be able to access basic utilities—including water, gas, electricity, and telecommunications—at their homes, so that Californians can work from home, receive public health information, and otherwise adhere to policies of social distancing, self-quarantine, and self-isolation, if needed; and

**WHEREAS** many utility providers, public and private, covering electricity, gas, water, and sewer, have voluntarily announced moratoriums on service disconnections and late fees for non-payment in response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** many telecommunication companies, including internet and cell phone providers, have voluntarily announced moratoriums on service disconnections and late fees for non-payment in response to COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567 and 8571, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 1) The time limitation set forth in Penal Code section 396, subdivision (f), concerning protections against residential eviction, is hereby waived. Those protections shall be in effect through May 31, 2020.
- 2) Any provision of state law that would preempt or otherwise restrict a local government's exercise of its police power to impose substantive limitations on residential or commercial evictions as described in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) below—including, but not limited to, any such provision of Civil Code sections 1940 et seq. or 1954.25 et seq.—is hereby suspended to the extent that it would preempt or otherwise restrict such exercise. This paragraph 2 shall only apply to the imposition of limitations on evictions when:
  - (i) The basis for the eviction is nonpayment of rent, or a foreclosure, arising out of a substantial decrease in household or business income (including, but not limited to, a substantial decrease in household income caused by layoffs or a reduction in the number of compensable hours of work, or a substantial decrease in business income caused by a reduction in opening hours or consumer demand), or substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses; and
  - (ii) The decrease in household or business income or the out-of-pocket medical expenses described in subparagraph (i) was caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, or by any local, state, or federal government response to COVID-19, and is documented.

The statutory cause of action for judicial foreclosure, Code of Civil Procedure section 725a et seq.; the statutory cause of action for unlawful detainer, Code of Civil Procedure section 1161 et seq., and any other statutory cause of action that could be used to evict or otherwise eject a residential or commercial tenant or occupant of residential real property after foreclosure is suspended only as applied to any tenancy, or residential real property and any



occupation thereof, to which a local government has imposed a limitation on eviction pursuant to this paragraph 2, and only to the extent of the limitation imposed by the local government.

Nothing in this Order shall relieve a tenant of the obligation to pay rent, nor restrict a landlord's ability to recover rent due.

The protections in this paragraph 2 shall be in effect through May 31, 2020, unless extended.

- 3) All public housing authorities are requested to extend deadlines for housing assistance recipients or applicants to deliver records or documents related to their eligibility for programs, to the extent that those deadlines are within the discretion of the housing authority.
- 4) The Department of Business Oversight, in consultation with the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, shall engage with financial institutions to identify tools to be used to afford Californians relief from the threat of residential foreclosure and displacement, and to otherwise promote housing security and stability during this state of emergency, in furtherance of the objectives of this Order.
- 5) Financial institutions holding home or commercial mortgages, including banks, credit unions, government-sponsored enterprises, and institutional investors, are requested to implement an immediate moratorium on foreclosures and related evictions when the foreclosure or foreclosure-related eviction arises out of a substantial decrease in household or business income, or substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses, which were caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, or by any local, state, or federal government response to COVID-19.
- 6) The California Public Utilities Commission is requested to monitor measures undertaken by public and private utility providers to implement customer service protections for critical utilities, including but not limited to electric, gas, water, internet, landline telephone, and cell phone service, in response to COVID-19, and on a weekly basis publicly report these measures.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to invalidate any limitation on eviction enacted by a local jurisdiction between March 4, 2020 and this date.

Nothing in this Order shall in any way restrict state or local authority to order any quarantine, isolation, or other public health measure that may compel an individual to remain physically present in a particular residential real property.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 16th day of March 2020.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER N-33-20

**WHEREAS** on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** in a short period of time, COVID-19 has rapidly spread throughout California, necessitating updated and more stringent guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials; and

**WHEREAS** for the preservation of public health and safety throughout the entire State of California, I find it necessary for all Californians to heed the State public health directives from the Department of Public Health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8627, and 8665 do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 1) To preserve the public health and safety, and to ensure the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all, and prioritizing those at the highest risk and vulnerability, all residents are directed to immediately heed the current State public health directives, which I ordered the Department of Public Health to develop for the current statewide status of COVID-19. Those directives are consistent with the March 19, 2020, Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response, found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>. Those directives follow:

ORDER OF THE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

March 19, 2020

To protect public health, I as State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health order all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, as outlined at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>. In addition, and in consultation with the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, I may designate additional sectors as critical in order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians.

Pursuant to the authority under the Health and Safety Code 120125, 120140, 131080, 120130(c), 120135, 120145, 120175 and 120150, this order is to go into effect immediately and shall stay in effect until further notice.

The federal government has identified 16 critical infrastructure sectors whose assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, are considered so vital to the United States that their incapacitation or



destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, economic security, public health or safety, or any combination thereof. I order that Californians working in these 16 critical infrastructure sectors may continue their work because of the importance of these sectors to Californians' health and well-being.

This Order is being issued to protect the public health of Californians. The California Department of Public Health looks to establish consistency across the state in order to ensure that we mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Our goal is simple, we want to bend the curve, and disrupt the spread of the virus.

The supply chain must continue, and Californians must have access to such necessities as food, prescriptions, and health care. When people need to leave their homes or places of residence, whether to obtain or perform the functions above, or to otherwise facilitate authorized necessary activities, they should at all times practice social distancing.

- 2) The healthcare delivery system shall prioritize services to serving those who are the sickest and shall prioritize resources, including personal protective equipment, for the providers providing direct care to them.
- 3) The Office of Emergency Services is directed to take necessary steps to ensure compliance with this Order.
- 4) This Order shall be enforceable pursuant to California law, including, but not limited to, Government Code section 8665.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 19th day of March 2020.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER N-37-20**

**WHEREAS** on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** in a short period of time, COVID-19 has rapidly spread throughout California, necessitating stringent public health emergency orders as well as guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials; and

**WHEREAS** on March 16, 2020, I issued Executive Order N-28-20, suspending state law limitations on local jurisdictions that impose restrictions on evictions; and

**WHEREAS** on March 19, 2020, I issued Executive Order N-33-20, ordering all residents to immediately heed the Order of the State Public Health Officer for all residents, unless exempted, to stay home or at their place of residence; and

**WHEREAS** many Californians are experiencing or will experience substantial losses of income as a result of business closures, the loss of hours or wages, or layoffs related to COVID-19, hindering their ability to keep up with their rent, and leaving them vulnerable to eviction; and

**WHEREAS** minimizing evictions during this period is critical to reducing the spread of COVID-19 in vulnerable populations by allowing all residents to stay home or at their place of residence in compliance with Executive Order N-33-20; and

**WHEREAS** Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye issued advisory guidance on March 20, 2020 for superior courts to suspend most civil trials and hearings for at least 60 days, and on March 23, 2020, suspended all jury trials for a period of 60 days, and extended by 60 days the time period for the holding of a civil trial; and

**WHEREAS** on March 25, 2020 the Department of Business Oversight secured support from national banks, state banks and credit unions for temporary delays in mortgage payments and foreclosure sales and evictions for homeowners who have economic impacts from COVID-19 with the objective of maximizing consistency and minimizing hurdles potentially faced by borrowers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567 and 8571, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 1) The deadline specified in Code of Civil Procedure section 1167 shall be extended for a period of 60 days for any tenant who is served, while



this Order is in effect, with a complaint that seeks to evict the tenant from a residence or dwelling unit for nonpayment of rent and who satisfies all of the following requirements:

- a. Prior to the date of this Order, the tenant paid rent due to the landlord pursuant to an agreement.
  - b. The tenant notifies the landlord in writing before the rent is due, or within a reasonable period of time afterwards not to exceed 7 days, that the tenant needs to delay all or some payment of rent because of an inability to pay the full amount due to reasons related to COVID-19, including but not limited to the following:
    - (i) The tenant was unavailable to work because the tenant was sick with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 or caring for a household or family member who was sick with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19;
    - (ii) The tenant experienced a lay-off, loss of hours, or other income reduction resulting from COVID-19, the state of emergency, or related government response; or
    - (iii) The tenant needed to miss work to care for a child whose school was closed in response to COVID-19.
  - c. The tenant retains verifiable documentation, such as termination notices, payroll checks, pay stubs, bank statements, medical bills, or signed letters or statements from an employer or supervisor explaining the tenant's changed financial circumstances, to support the tenant's assertion of an inability to pay. This documentation may be provided to the landlord no later than the time upon payment of back-due rent.
- 2) No writ may be enforced while this Order is in effect to evict a tenant from a residence or dwelling unit for nonpayment of rent who satisfies the requirements of subparagraphs (a)-(c) of paragraph 1.
  - 3) The protections in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be in effect through May 31, 2020.

Nothing in this Order shall prevent a tenant who is able to pay all or some of the rent due from paying that rent in a timely manner or relieve a tenant of liability for unpaid rent.

Nothing in this Order shall in any way restrict state or local governmental authority to order any quarantine, isolation, or other public health measure that may compel an individual to remain physically present in a particular residential property.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order supersedes Executive Order N-28-20 to the extent that there is any conflict with that Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.



**I FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 27th day of March 2020.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER  
OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA DIRECTING  
ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE COUNTY TO SHELTER AT THEIR  
PLACE OF RESIDENCE EXCEPT THAT THEY MAY LEAVE TO  
PROVIDE OR RECEIVE CERTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES OR  
ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND WORK FOR  
ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES;  
EXEMPTING INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FROM  
THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER BUT URGING THEM TO FIND  
SHELTER AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE IT;  
DIRECTING ALL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO  
CEASE NON-ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS IN  
THE COUNTY; PROHIBITING ALL NON-ESSENTIAL GATHERINGS  
OF ANY NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS; AND ORDERING CESSATION OF  
ALL NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL**

**DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 16, 2020**

**Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295, *et seq.*)**

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA ("HEALTH OFFICER") ORDERS:

1. The intent of this Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. When people need to leave their places of residence, whether to obtain or perform vital services, or to otherwise facilitate authorized activities necessary for continuity of social and commercial life, they should at all times reasonably possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 10 below. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.
2. All individuals currently living within Contra Costa County (the "County") are ordered to shelter at their place of residence. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All persons may







leave their residences only for Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses, all as defined in Section 10. Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this Section, but are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable (and to utilize Social Distancing Requirements in their operation).

3. All businesses with a facility in the County, except Essential Businesses as defined below in Section 10, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County except Minimum Basic Operations, as defined in Section 10. For clarity, businesses may also continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home). All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 10 below, including, but not limited to, when any customers are standing in line.
4. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes as expressly permitted in Section 10. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.
5. All travel, including, but not limited to, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit, except Essential Travel and Essential Activities as defined below in Section 10, is prohibited. People must use public transit only for purposes of performing Essential Activities or to travel to and from work to operate Essential Businesses or maintain Essential Governmental Functions. People riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 10 below, to the greatest extent feasible. This Order allows travel into or out of the County to perform Essential Activities, operate Essential Businesses, or maintain Essential Governmental Functions.
6. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within the County and throughout the Bay Area, scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, and evidence that the age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the County places it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the general public, which is now a pandemic according to the World Health Organization, there is a public health emergency throughout the County. Making the problem worse, some individuals who contract the COVID-19 virus have no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus.







Because even people without symptoms can transmit the disease, and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, gatherings can result in preventable transmission of the virus. The scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed. One proven way to slow the transmission is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable. By reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this Order helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the County.

7. This Order also is issued in light of the existence of 29 cases of COVID-19 in the County, as well as at least 258 confirmed cases and at least three deaths in the seven Bay Area jurisdictions jointly issuing this Order, as of 5 p.m. on March 15, 2020, including a significant and increasing number of suspected cases of community transmission and likely further significant increases in transmission. Widespread testing for COVID-19 is not yet available but is expected to increase in the coming days. This Order is necessary to slow the rate of spread and the Health Officer will re-evaluate it as further data becomes available.
8. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors declaring the existence of a Local Emergency in Contra Costa County.
9. This Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the County Health Officer, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials throughout the United States and around the world, including a variety of prior orders to combat the spread and harms of COVID-19. The Health Officer will continue to assess the quickly evolving situation and may modify or extend this Order, or issue additional Orders, related to COVID-19.
10. Definitions and Exemptions.
  - a. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following "Essential Activities." But people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care.
    - i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a







- health care professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home.
- ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
  - iii. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, or running.
  - iv. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.
  - v. To care for a family member or pet in another household.
- b. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services at any “Healthcare Operations” including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. “Healthcare Operations” also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. “Healthcare Operations” does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.
- c. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of “Essential Infrastructure,” including, but not limited to, public works construction, construction of housing (in particular affordable housing or housing for individuals experiencing homelessness), airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible.
- d. For purposes of this Order, all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel, and others who need to perform essential services are categorically







exempt from this Order. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing “Essential Governmental Functions,” as determined by the governmental entity performing those functions. Each governmental entity shall identify and designate appropriate employees or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions. All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, to the extent possible.

- e. For the purposes of this Order, covered businesses include any for-profit, non-profit, or educational entities, regardless of the nature of the service, the function they perform, or its corporate or entity structure.
- f. For the purposes of this Order, “Essential Businesses” means:
  - i. Healthcare Operations and Essential Infrastructure;
  - ii. Grocery stores, certified farmers’ markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences;
  - iii. Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
  - iv. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;
  - v. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;
  - vi. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities;
  - vii. Banks and related financial institutions;
  - viii. Hardware stores;
  - ix. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses;
  - x. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
  - xi. Educational institutions—including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities—for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, provided that social distancing of six-feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible;
  - xii. Laundromats, drycleaners, and laundry service providers;







- xiii. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so under this Order on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. Schools and other entities that provide food services under this exemption shall not permit the food to be eaten at the site where it is provided, or at any other gathering site;
  - xiv. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home;
  - xv. Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
  - xvi. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences;
  - xvii. Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;
  - xviii. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;
  - xix. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;
  - xx. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities;
  - xxi. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted. To the extent possible, childcare facilities must operate under the following mandatory conditions:
    - 1. Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer (“stable” means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).
    - 2. Children shall not change from one group to another.
    - 3. If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.
    - 4. Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.
- g. For the purposes of this Order, “Minimum Basic Operations” include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:
- i. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business’s inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.
  - ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.







- h. For the purposes of this Order, “Essential Travel” includes travel for any of the following purposes. Individuals engaged in any Essential Travel must comply with all Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section below.
    - i. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses, or Minimum Basic Operations.
    - ii. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
    - iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services.
    - iv. Travel to or return from a place of residence outside the jurisdiction.
    - v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order.
    - vi. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the County. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the County remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel.
  - i. For purposes of this Order, residences include hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities.
  - j. For purposes of this Order, “Social Distancing Requirements” includes maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.
11. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.
  12. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 7, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
  13. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at Office of the Director of Health of Contra Costa County, 1220 Morello Ave, Martinez CA 94553; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department website [www.cchealth.org](http://www.cchealth.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.





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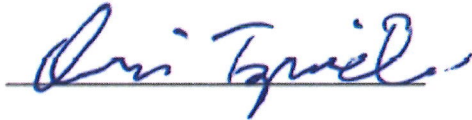
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14. If any provision of this Order to the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the reminder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.
15. Questions or comments regarding this order may be directed to Contra Costa Health Services at 1-844-729-8410.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

Chris Farnitano, MD  
Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa County



Dated: March 16, 2020

Ori Tzvieli, MD, Deputy Health Officer

