City of San Diego
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-4
By the Mayor

On March 12, 2020, I issued a proclamation of local emergency in preparation and response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our community, which our City Council ratified on March 17, 2020. The local emergency will continue until its termination.

On March 19, 2020, in Executive Order N-33-20, the Governor directed all California residents to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, under the Order of the State Public Health Officer until further notice.

On March 12, 2020, the County Public Health Officer issued orders directing the public to take certain actions to protect the public health from COVID-19. The Public Health Order was amended several times and is in effect until further notice, unless extended. On April 26, 2020, the County Public Health Order was updated to include modifications to beach and park closures as well as a countywide facial covering order. On April 30, 2020, the County Public Health Order was further amended to allow additional limited recreational activities in parks and waterways and to provide additional guidelines regarding face coverings. On May 20, the County verified the state had approved its attestation to allow additional businesses including restaurants and retail to be open to limited on site business.

On March 16, 2020, I executed Executive Order No. 2020-1, directing measures to be taken across the City to protect members of the public and City employees from an undue risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus. On March 30, 2020, I executed Executive Order No. 2020-2, to reinforce the City’s commitment to promote social distancing, self-quarantine, and self-isolation necessary to protect public health. On April 21, 2020, I directed the limited reopening of neighborhood parks for passive use by individuals in accordance with public health rules.

Executive Order No. 2020-1, Executive Order No. 2020-2, and Executive Order No. 2020-3 all remain in effect until May 31, 2020, as it is imperative that the City of San Diego continue to implement locally all guidance and directives currently available from federal, state, and local public health officials to stem the spread of the virus and protect public safety and welfare. The closures and restrictions in these orders were and remain necessary because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and also because COVID-19 physically causes property loss and damage. The measures outlined in this order fall within City jurisdiction and pertain to matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property.
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By virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of San Diego pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter, San Diego Municipal Code section 51.0105, and California Government Code section 8634 to promulgate, issue, and enforce rules, regulations, and orders, I hereby declare the following orders to be necessary for the protection of life and property and I hereby order, effective immediately until May 31, 2020, that:

1. All of the requirements contained in Executive Order No. 2020-1, dated March 16, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Official are still in effect until May 31, 2020.

2. All of the requirements contained in Executive Order No. 2020-2, dated March 30, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Official are still in effect until May 31, 2020.

3. All of the requirements contained in Executive Order No. 2020-3, dated April 30, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Official are still in effect until May 31, 2020.

4. All businesses, including bars, adult entertainment establishments, and nightclubs in the City of San Diego shall be limited in their operation in a manner consistent with public health orders established by the County of San Diego and State of California. Restaurants and business establishments that serve food in the City of San Diego shall be allowed to operate in a manner consistent with public health orders established by the County of San Diego and State of California. Facilities expressly exempted from this order include cafeterias, commissaries, and restaurants located within hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and other healthcare facilities, grocery stores, pharmacies, and food banks.

5. The City of San Diego will limit vehicle access to designated streets and roads as part of a “Slow Streets San Diego” limited program for the time this Executive Order remains in effect, consistent with California Vehicle Code section 21101 which permits local authorities to allow certain types of street closures and prohibit the use of particular highways by certain vehicles. The City Engineer is hereby authorized to make public safety determinations per Vehicle Code section 21101(e). Slow Streets will not impact emergency vehicles, deliveries, public transit services or residents that must use these
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streets to access a final destination. The partial closings are necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closings.

Any violation of the above prohibitions may be referred for prosecution to the fullest extent of the law. Each individual officer should use their discretion in enforcing this order and always keep the intent of the order in mind.

Dated: May 21, 2020

Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer