



OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER
VICTOR M. GORDO
DISTRICT 5

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Today, the City of Pasadena declared a Local State of Emergency to better respond to the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

This means **all bars, gyms and fitness centers, private social clubs and sit-down restaurant service in the city will be closed to the public, effective immediately, with the exception of take-out and delivery services.** These new restrictions are necessary to stop large numbers of people from gathering and staying in close proximity. The restrictions will be in effect until further notice. Those businesses and employers not covered by the closure order are strongly encouraged to find ways to maximize social distancing including reducing hours, offering the opportunity to work from home if at all possible, and voluntary closure.

The City affirms that health and safety measures implemented by the City are intended to meet the following objectives:

- Maximizing social distancing and limiting group activity that might allow the spread of COVID-19;
- Maintaining a unified response consistent with actions taken by state and regional government;
- Maintaining continuity of essential governmental services while keeping City employees working and in as safe an environment as possible;
- Working with other governmental agencies, non-profits private groups and others to minimize the daily impact caused by the COVID-19 related emergency

For our community members that will have (or already have had) their hours reduced or are unable to work because of COVID-19, the State of California has now waived the one week waiting period to apply for unemployment benefits. Please visit [CA EDD](#) for more information. Also, my office is in contact with our Congressional representatives regarding what benefits may be available from recent Federal emergency legislation that includes provisions for employees affected by COVID-19 school closures, lay-offs, and/or sick leave.

Last week I proposed the City consider a temporary eviction moratorium. Vice Mayor Hampton has also proposed similar legislation. I will be able to provide more information after the City Council's special emergency meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17, at 11:40 a.m.

For our local businesses, please know that I am working with our City Manager and my colleagues to explore the best options for supporting you during this difficult time. This too will be discussed at tomorrow's special meeting of the City Council.

We know this is a difficult and uncertain time, and we ask everyone's understanding, patience and kindness. Working together and supporting one another, we can do this.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call my office at (626) 744-4741 or reach out to me by email at VGordo@cityofpasadena.net.

Sincerely,

Councilmember Victor M. Gordo

Links & Resources

[Pasadena Public Health Department](#)

[Pasadena Unified School District - School Closures Information](#)

[Pasadena Public Library](#)

[Talking with Children about Coronavirus from the CDC](#)

[Activities for Young Children at Home](#)

[Stuck at home? Virtual Tour of 12 Museums](#)

[Tips for your Mental Health during Social Distancing](#)

[Social Distancing Doesn't Have to Doom Your Weekends - CNN](#)

[Social Distancing: This is not a snow day](#)



City Council Meetings and Agendas

The Pasadena City Council meets regularly on Monday evenings in Council Chambers at City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., 2nd Floor. Council begins closed session at 5:30pm and regular open session in Chambers at 6:30pm.

Weekly agendas are available on the Thursday before the Monday meeting and can be found at the City's [Council Agenda page](#). Public comment is always welcome and encouraged.

Should you need translation or other assistive services, please contact the City Clerk at (626) 744-4124. Council meetings are also streamed live by [KPAS](#).

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