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**SAN PABLO CITY COUNCIL DECLARES LOCAL EMERGENCY
AND LAUNCHES MODIFIED CITY OPERATIONS PLAN, EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 2020**

(San Pablo, CA, March 17, 2020) On March 16, 2020, the City of San Pablo City Council declared a state of local emergency by adoption of Resolution No. 2002-034 following the recent shelter-in-place uniform order issued by six (6) Bay Area County Public Health Directors, effective March 16, 2020 until April 7, 2020, due to efforts to contain the NOVEL coronavirus COVID-19 viral outbreak, with duties and powers pursuant to State Government Code section 8558 and 8630, and San Pablo Municipal Code Requirements Section 2.36.

“The local emergency declaration will enable the City to activate its Emergency Operations Center, and transform City Operations to an “essential services” mode of operation with closure of non-essential City facilities, limited public services, and designation of all City employees as local disaster workers in response to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.” stated San Pablo City Manager Matt Rodriguez, acting as the City’s designated Emergency Services Director. “Our intention is to ensure all County public health protective and preventative measures are instituted for City Operations in order to protect the public, City employees and first responders.”

The City is also instituting all social distancing guidelines for its Modified City Operations Plan with all City facilities closed to the public. Police Department and first responder/patrol services remain a priority service, with other limited City services provided to the public at this time. More information can be found at the City’s website: www.sanpabloca.gov Or, please contact the City Manager’s Office directly at: (510) 215-3000 for general information.

All Modified City Operations will be subject to guidelines and directives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, State of California, and local County Public Health Officer issued to date.

The City will continue to assess City Operations and services on a daily basis prior to the April 7, 2020 pursuant to the shelter-in-place order issued yesterday by Bay Area County Public Health Directors. All City Business is encouraged by email, on-line and phone with the public until further notice.

Attachment: San Pablo Local Emergency Declaration (Resolution No. #2020-034)

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