



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Jimenez

SUBJECT: Report of the City Manager

DATE: August 28, 2020

Approved:

Date: 08/28/20

RECOMMENDATION

1. Provide Council an update regarding City services deemed non-essential, including justification for that determination.
2. Direct staff to create a plan to restore services currently deemed non-essential.

BACKGROUND

I am grateful for the regular updates provided by the City Manager regarding the Administration's efforts to respond to the many crises afflicting our city. We've experienced considerable turmoil this year, and while much work remains, City staff have risen to the occasion and responded quickly, effectively, and with compassion. Our community remains resilient, and I am confident that together we will overcome these challenges.

Nearly six months have passed since the shelter in place order went into effect in March. We are gradually becoming accustomed to a "new normal," and it is time to reassess the services the City provides. Many important quality of life services were appropriately suspended or reduced during the initial response to the pandemic. However, as many residents continue to reach out to each Council District office, we will need to plan for the restoration of these services. In Council District 2, we hear frequently about the need for code enforcement, vehicle abatement, and traffic calming. The latter is of particular concern given that traffic volume has declined, making it easier to drive recklessly and above the speed limit.

While we may not be ready to provide these services yet, we should create a plan and share with our residents how and when we intend to restore these critical services that improve the quality of life for all.