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**April 4, 2020**

**Honorable Supervisor Janice Hahn**  
**County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors**  
**Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration**  
**500 West Temple Street**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**RE: Request for Additional Public Health Orders**

Honorable Supervisor Janice Hahn:

Thank you for your continued leadership during the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Many cities, including our own, rely upon the guidance from the County's Public Health Department, and we appreciate the various efforts made to protect health, prevent the spread of COVID-19, and promote health and well-being for everyone in Los Angeles County.

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, states, counties, and cities alike are taking various actions to protect our residents. Specifically, on March 19, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an Order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. However, on April 2, 2020, [various counties in northern California enacted additional Public Health Orders](#), beyond the State's Orders. These counties include: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Sacramento, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo and Sonoma counties.

In light of this, the City respectfully requests that the County of Los Angeles consider additional public health orders, specifically geared towards construction activities, that go beyond the State's Orders, similar to those adopted by counties in northern California.

Northern California's newest Orders go beyond the State Order, and according to the League of California Cities, the Governor has indicated that this is acceptable. In those Orders, construction is permitted, but limits most housing and commercial construction. Exceptions are made for affordable housing projects with income restrictions, healthcare facilities, shelters and temporary housing, excluding hotels and motels, and projects needed immediately to service people who are unhoused, elderly, low-income, and with special needs.

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The City understands the County is taking all necessary measures to protect public health during this time. Our collective goal is to further reduce the number of interactions between individuals, and defeat this disease. Scientific evidence indicates that the public health crisis in the County will worsen to the point at which it may overtake available health care resources within the County and may increase the death rate. To further prevent the spread of this deadly virus, the City believes we need to work together to explore all additional measures to “flatten the curve.”

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor, Richard Montgomery  
City of Manhattan Beach

**CC: Mayors, South Bay Cities**  
**Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors**