

Legislation Text

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Staff Report for a City of San Leandro City Council Resolution to Terminate the Director of Emergency Services' May 31, 2020 Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to Civil Unrest

RECOMMENDATIONS

Per San Leandro Municipal Code Section 3-4-124(c), the City Council must proclaim the termination of a local emergency at the earliest possible date. The conditions of civil unrest that warranted the proclamation of a local emergency on May 31, 2020 have subsided to such a degree that the City Council must terminate the local emergency.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

On May 31, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency due to civil unrest related to protests and demonstrations primarily in response to the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis Police Department officers a few days earlier. The local emergency was also proclaimed because of continuing communications, primarily on social media sites, that protests would and should continue, beyond May 31, 2020, and that such protests would and should include destruction of real and personal property. Similar protests occurred throughout the Bay Area on and around May 31, 2020, and into the first week of June. A mandatory citywide curfew was issued at the same time as the proclamation. During its regular meeting on June 1, 2020, the City Council ratified the Director's proclamation of local emergency.

The unrest and property destruction that occurred during and after the May 31, 2020 protests and demonstrations substantially subsided on June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The curfew was subsequently rescinded on June 4, 2020. Peaceful protests and demonstrations continue to occur in San Leandro.

As provided in San Leandro Municipal Code Section 3-4-124(c), the City Council, by the resolution associated with this staff report, proclaims the termination of the local emergency due to civil unrest because the conditions that warrant the local emergency no longer continue.

Effective Date:

Upon passage, the resolution goes into effect immediately.