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MAYOR'S STATEMENT CORONAVIRUS #4

It is a time of superlatives. Extraordinary and unprecedented are the times we are living in. Surreal comes to mind as well. I hope you and yours continue to be healthy and safe during this time. Please take care of yourselves, and those with whom you live. Safely reach out to others, especially the most vulnerable. It is a time to care.

I think especially of the most vulnerable. Those who have lost their jobs, or their livelihoods, suddenly, and unexpectedly, through no fault of their own. And those who have suffered and perished from this tragic disease. My heart goes out to all of you.

There are hopeful signs that we are doing a good job at slowing the spread. But we must not let up on the measures that professional public health officials tell us - stay home, wash your hands with soap and warm water. When you venture out for essential activities, practice social distancing - stay away from those who are not your household members by at least 6 ft. at all times - this means when standing, or when passing others as well. At all times. These are the most important steps for us to take. Additionally, officials recommend a face mask when you are out. This is to help prevent the virus from spreading from you to others. You may carry the virus without symptoms. There are other steps you can take - but staying home and social distancing are by far the most important. Do not forget these. This is very real.

My personal experience is that protocols are not always being followed when I am out doing my own essential business. I would ask that you all please take time to read and understand and take very seriously the guidelines.

The City is here for you. We have declared a state of emergency. Our Emergency Operations Center is online. The Council has passed a moratorium on evictions and rent increases. Essential services are being maintained. Additionally, seniors and unsheltered individuals can connect to services through our hotline Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm at 1(510) 524-9122.

Please, for the love of your fellow residents of this planet, do the right thing. Stay home and continue social distancing.