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STATEMENT FROM PICO RIVERA MAYOR GUSTAVO CAMACHO IN RESPONSE TO THE LATEST UPDATES REGARDING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

At the City of Pico Rivera the health and safety of our residents and employees is our primary goal. Given that priority, the City continues to monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation that is not only affecting the County, but the State of California as well. As a result of the general advisement from the State Governor Gavin Newsom, we have made the tough but necessary decision to cancel or postpone our City events and programs in order to protect our residents and employees and supplement the County's and the State's efforts to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

As of today, March 12, 2020, all citywide events have now been cancelled or postponed until further notice. Additionally, all non-city sponsored events at city facilities have been cancelled or postponed as well, until further notice.

As of Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the Pico Rivera Senior Center will close and all programs and events at the Senior Center including the SASSFA Lunch Program will be suspended until further notice. SASSFA will be providing an alternative meal service for those that participate in the SASSFA meal program. The Senior Center's caseworker will continue to take 1 on 1 appointments, and the AARP Tax Assistance program will continue to operate through the closure.

This decision did not come lightly; however, the health and welfare of our residents, our participants, and especially our most vulnerable population, seniors and children, are of the utmost importance.

The City Council will continue to hold public meetings via live web feed and on local cable television, Channel 3. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2020. The City Council along with our City Administration will work with our City staff to ensure that the next City Council meeting is available to the public in order to be consistent with open government and transparency.

I would like to reassure all our residents that our City will continue to monitor the situation while we deliver essential services. The health of our City staff and our residents is incredibly important at this time and we are taking all the steps necessary as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to ensure everyone's health and safety.

Finally, we continue to send our thoughts and prayers to those who are currently or have been affected by COVID-19.

Information on COVID-19 can be found on our City's website at http://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/ced/emergency/covid_19.asp