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Dear Highland Residents, Business Owners, and Community Stakeholders:

The Highland City Council and Staff want you to know the health and safety of our residents, businesses, and community stakeholders is important to all of us and a primary concern during the Coronavirus state and local emergency period.

Effective immediately, City Hall lobby will be closed to the public through April 6, 2020.

Temporarily, there have been some changes to the City's operations, however, staff is working to minimize disruption to City services. During this time, you can still contact staff via phone, US mail or email. Construction permits, inspections, and other related activities will still be conducted by appointment only. Public works inspections, as well as code enforcement inspections, are also continuing. For convenience and to help promote social distancing during this period, the City is now offering electronic plan check submittals. The City will accept credit card payments over the phone on a case by case basis. The City Staff is taking appropriate steps to protect their health, which includes practicing social distancing of six feet between persons while performing their duties.

In the past week, we have received a lot of information from many sources regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The information and directives change daily and the effects are impacting the lives of everyone.

As your Mayor, I am asking that we all focus on and follow the information provided through the San Bernardino County Department of Health's website at www.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/. Additionally, the State of California has a website dedicated to the Coronavirus (Covid-19). Please visit their website at www.covid19.ca.gov. The direction given through federal, state, and local leaders is intended to keep us all safe. We can choose to be well as a community by following the directions provided to us. California Governor Gavin Newsom and the State Public Health Officer on March 19 issued a statewide stay-at-home order with exceptions for essential tasks and services. See details here: www.covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs.

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“Residents of San Bernardino are encouraged to stay home as much as possible while only participating in essential activities, such as critical work functions and shopping for necessities. We know these measures are challenging, but social distancing will help to protect all of our communities. We encourage older adults and those with chronic medical conditions to take additional precautions to avoid getting sick with the disease.

The County Acting Health Officer has ordered the cancellation of all gatherings based on CDPH’s Gathering Guidance and provided other guidance to the public in an effort to protect our population from any possible spread of the virus. Please stay home if ill, regularly wash hands with soap and water, clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily and practice social distancing.” www.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/

Please continue to visit our website at www.cityofhighland.org and follow us on Facebook for information.

These are unprecedented times. Together, we will get through this. Be kind to one another and be safe.

Larry McCallon
Mayor