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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
38300 SIERRA HIGHWAY
SUITE B
PALMDALE, CA 93550
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022
5:00 PM
www.cityofpalmdale.org**

WELCOME

The Council Chamber is open for in-person public comment and seating. The Mayor and/or one or more members of the City Council may participate virtually in this meeting.

How to observe the meeting virtually:

1. Spectrum local access Channel 27
2. Online live webcast at www.cityofpalmdale.org.

How to Submit Public Comments:

VERBAL PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE MEETING – ZOOM Number: US: +1 669
444 9171 Webinar ID: 867 0117 2687 Passcode: 504085

Webinar attendee link [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86701172687?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86701172687?pwd=RmxNOEGyeGpzeDlrTWQ3c1R4Y3V6Zz09)
[pwd=RmxNOEGyeGpzeDlrTWQ3c1R4Y3V6Zz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86701172687?pwd=RmxNOEGyeGpzeDlrTWQ3c1R4Y3V6Zz09).

Verbal comments must be limited to three (3) minutes. Public comments submitted will become part of the official meeting record.

The safety and well-being of employees and the public remains the City's top priority. The City of Palmdale appreciates your patience and understanding during these challenging times.

The City Council is making every effort to follow the spirit and intent of the Brown Act and other applicable laws regulating the conduct of public meetings in order to maximize transparency and public access.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 267-5151 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

If you require oral Spanish translation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 267-5151 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Your courtesy is requested to help our meetings run smoothly. If you'll be kind enough to follow these simple rules, we can make the best possible use of your time and ours:

- Please refrain from public displays or outbursts, such as unsolicited applause, comments, cheering, foul language or obscenities.
- Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the City Council to carry out its meeting will not be permitted and offenders will be asked to leave the meeting.
- Please turn off/mute your cell phones and mobile devices.

5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF OUR TROOPS

3. ROLL CALL

MAYOR PRO TEM LOA, COUNCILMEMBERS BETTENCOURT, BISHOP

4. WAIVER OF FULL READING OF RESOLUTION(S) and ORDINANCE(S)

Staff Recommendation: Move to waive full reading of the Resolution (s) and/or Ordinance(s) to be considered and voted on at this meeting. (Voice Vote - Requires a majority to waive.)

5. RESOLUTION RECITING ELECTION RESULTS:

- 5.1 Adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-119, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2022 declaring the result of such other matters as provided by law. (Staff Reference: Acting City Clerk Faber)

Call for Public Comments

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-119
[SR_Adopting_Reso_CC_2022-119.docx](#)
[Resolution_CC_2022-119_Reciting_Facts_of_Election.docx](#)
[Exhibit A Certified Canvass of Election 11 8 22.pdf](#)

6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

- Laura Bettencourt, Councilmember District 3
- Eric Ohlsen, Councilmember District 4
- Andrea Alarcon, Councilmember District 5

Recess for Reception

7. ROLL CALL

MAYOR PRO TEM LOA, COUNCILMEMBERS BETTENCOURT, BISHOP, ALARCON, OHLSEN

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON LISTED AGENDA ITEM(S) (EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS)

You may address the Council once per meeting during Public Comments. This portion of the public comment is on any item listed on the agenda, excluding public hearings (if any). Public comment on public hearing items (if any) will be heard when that matter is considered. To address the Council regarding an item on the agenda, please fill out a Speaker's Form and submit it to the City Clerk **BEFORE** the Mayor announces the item. Each person addressing the Council is customarily given up to three minutes to speak (with double the time allotted to non-English speakers using a translator). The amount of time authorized may be adjusted by the chair. If you wish to provide information to the Council, please present the City Clerk with 7 copies. Otherwise, your materials will simply be added to the administrative record. If you are attending the meeting by phone, please press *9 to "raise your hand." If attending by personal computer, please click the "raise your hand" button. Press *6 to un-mute yourself, state your name and begin speaking.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 9.1 Adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-122, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale Making Legally Required Findings for Extending Remote Teleconference Participation for Meetings of the City Council and its Related and/or Subordinate Legislative Bodies. (Staff Reference: Interim City Attorney Porter)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-122

[SR_-_RESO_Authorizing_Remote_Meetings_122122.docx](#)

10. PUBLIC HEARING

- 10.1 INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. U-1604, AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY, REVISING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.08.010 REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM. ALSO CONSIDER ALTERNATE VERSIONS OF SAID ORDINANCE, SUCH AS A NON-URGENCY ORDINANCE.

Staff to read the title of Ordinance No. U-1604

Call for Public Comments

Close the Public Comments

Recommendation: Introduce and adopt Ordinance No. U-1604

[SR- Mayoral Selection - Dec 13.docx](#)

[Ord_-_Mayor_and_Mayor_Pro_Tem_-_Dec_13_-_SEP.docx](#)

[Resolution_No._CC2017-008_Mayor_Pro_Tem_Selection.pdf](#)

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Selection of Mayor. (Staff Reference: Acting City Clerk Scott)

[SR - appointment of mayor after ordinance adoption.docx](#)

- 11.2 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Mayor Pro Tem Appointment. (Staff Reference: Acting City Clerk Scott)

[Mayor_Pro_Tem_Appointment_SR_12_21_22.docx](#)

[Resolution No. CC2017-008 Mayor Pro Tem Selection.pdf](#)

- 11.3 Discussion and Possible Action to Declare a Local Emergency related to the City of Los Angeles' Proposed Relocation of Homeless to a "Village" in Palmdale.

(Staff Reference: Interim City Manager Perez)

[SR_-_State_of_Emergency_Homeless_-_330_pm.docx](#)

[RESO_-_State_of_Emergency_-_Homeless_-_330pm.docx](#)

[COP_Strategic_Plan.pdf](#)

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This portion of the Agenda allows an individual the opportunity to address the Council on any subject within the City's subject matter jurisdiction not on the Agenda. Under state legislation, in general, no action can be taken on items not specifically referenced on the Agenda, but may offer suggestions on how your concerns may best be resolved. To

address the Council regarding a non-agenda item, please fill out a Speaker's Form and submit it to the City Clerk **BEFORE** the Mayor announces the item. Each person addressing the Council is customarily given up to three minutes to speak (with double the time allotted to non-English speakers using a translator). The amount of time authorized may be adjusted by the chair. If you wish to provide information to the Council, please present the City Clerk with 7 copies. Otherwise, your materials will simply be added to the administrative record. If you are attending the meeting by phone, please press *9 to "raise your hand." If attending by personal computer, please click the "raise your hand" button. Press *6 to un-mute yourself, state your name and begin speaking.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

The public is invited to comment on any closed session item listed below. Please submit a Speaker's Form to the City Clerk **BEFORE** this portion of the meeting begins. Each person addressing the Council is customarily given up to three minutes to speak (with double the time allotted to non-English speakers using a translator). The amount of time authorized may be adjusted by the chair. If you wish to provide information to the Council, please present the City Clerk with 7 copies. Otherwise, your materials will simply be added to the administrative record. If you are attending the meeting by phone, please press *9 to "raise your hand." If attending by personal computer, please click the "raise your hand" button. Press *6 to un-mute yourself, state your name and begin speaking.

14. PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

14.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

Ricci v. City of Palmdale, et al.

Los Angeles County Superior Court

Case No. 22STCV01269

This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

14.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Shanae Smith, Patricia Nevarez and Michael "Mike" Behen vs. City of Palmdale, et al.

Los Angeles County Superior Court

Case No. 22STCV18219

This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

14.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

John J. Murphy v. City of Palmdale

Los Angeles County Superior Court Case Number: 22STCV22544

Related City Claim Number: 2022-007

- 14.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Gerald Lynn Dolen and Roberta Dora Dolen v. City of Palmdale et al. Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21AVCV00377
This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).
- 14.5 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Kenya Torres v. City of Palmdale; Los Angeles Superior Court Case # 22STCV37041
Closed session authorized by Gov't Code 54956.9(d)(1)
- 14.6 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Leona Valley Town Council vs. City of Palmdale, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court
Case No. 22STCP01932
This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
- 14.7 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Donald Ross D'Angelo v. City of Palmdale, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court
Case No. 21AVCV00441
This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).
- 14.8 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
CV Communities, LLC et al. v. Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case Nos. BC661107 and 20STCV10953
This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).
- 14.9 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: Interim City Manager
Name: Ronda Perez

This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54957.

14.10 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: Interim City Attorney

Name: Scott E. Porter

This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54957.

15. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY CITY ATTORNEY**

16. **ADJOURNMENT**



City Council Staff Report

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY CLERK DIVISION
DISTRICT: 3, 4, 5
SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. CC 2022-119, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

ISSUE

Adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-119, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale, reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2022, declaring the result and such matters as provided by law.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-119, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale, reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2022, declaring the result and such matters as provided by law.

BACKGROUND

Resolution No. CC 2022-119 recites the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2022 for the purpose of electing three Councilmembers elected by geographic Districts 3, 4, and 5 for four (4) year terms.

DISCUSSION

The California Elections Code states that the governing body of the City shall meet to approve the canvass of the election and install the newly elected officers. The City Clerk shall enter on the records of the City Council of the City, a statement of the results of the election. Resolution No. CC 2022-119, and attached Exhibit A, the Certificate of the Canvass of the Election Returns, are the statement of the results of the election.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with adopting Resolution No. CC 2022-119.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal II: Maintain a desirable community where everyone wants to live, work and play.

B. Provide inclusive access to a variety of supportive services that build a resilient and healthy community.

Prepared by:	Roxanne Faber, Acting City Clerk
Certified as to availability of Funds:	Janelle Samson, Director of Finance
Approved by:	Ronda Perez, Interim City Manager
Approved as to form:	Scott E. Porter, Interim City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. CC 2022-119
2. Exhibit A – Certificate of Canvass of the Election Returns

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2022-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF PALMDALE CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF
THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON
NOVEMBER 8, 2022, DECLARING THE RESULT AND
SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election was held and conducted in the City of Palmdale, California, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, notice of the election was given in time, form and manner as provided by law; that voting precincts and vote by mail ballot drop-off boxes were properly established; that election officers were appointed and that in all respects the election was held and conducted and the votes were cast, received and canvassed and the returns made and declared in time, form and manner as required by the provisions of the Election Code of the State of California for the holding of elections in charter cities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. CC 2022-058, adopted by Council on June 1, 2022, the County Election Department canvassed the returns of the election and certified the results, the results were received and are attached and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the whole number of ballots cast in the precincts except vote by mail voter ballots and provisional ballots was 2,841.

That the whole number of votes by mail voter and provisional ballots cast in the City was 11,601, making a total of 14,442 ballots cast in the City.

SECTION 2. That the names of persons voted for at the election for three members of the City Council for a full term of four years are as follows:

For Member of the City Council in District 3:

MARCOS T. ALVAREZ
LAURA BETTENCOURT
DAVE T. GOMEZ

For Member of the City Council in District 4:

GETRO F. ELIZE
ERIC OHLSEN
VERGION J. SMITH

For Member of the City Council in District 5:

ANDREA ALARCON
ERIKA G. ALVERDI
MARIO M. MELARA

That the number of votes given at each precinct and vote by mail drop-off box to each of the persons above named for the respective offices for which the persons were candidates were as listed in Exhibit "A" attached and made a part hereof.

SECTION 3. The City Council does declare and determine that:

Laura Bettencourt was elected Member of the City Council in District 3 for a full term of four years; and

Eric Ohlsen was elected as Member of the City Council in District 4 for a full term of four years; and

Andrea Alarcon was elected as a Member of the City Council in District 5 for a full term of four years.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall enter on the records of the City Council of the City, a statement of the result of the election, showing: (1) The whole number of ballots cast in the city; (2) The names of the persons voted for; (3) For what office each person was voted for; (4) The number of votes given at each precinct to each person; and (5) The total number of votes given to each person.

SECTION 5: That pursuant to Election Code §10265, the City Clerk shall immediately make and deliver to each of the persons so elected a Certificate of Election signed by the City Clerk and authenticated; that the Oath of Office shall also be administered to each person prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California and they shall subscribe to it, and it will be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Each and all persons so elected shall then be inducted into the respective offices to which they have been elected.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st day of December, 2022.

Approved as to form:

Richard Loa, as Mayor Pro Tem (serving
in capacity as Mayor while the Mayoral
position is temporarily vacant)

ATTEST:

Scott E. Porter
Interim City Attorney

Rochelle Scott
Acting City Clerk

I, Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 21st day of December, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Date: _____
Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk

Los Angeles County
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Certificate of the Canvass of the Election Returns

I, DEAN C. LOGAN, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, of the State of California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that pursuant to the provisions of Section 15300 et seq. of the California Elections Code, I did canvass the returns of the votes cast for each elective office and/or measure(s) for

Palmdale City

at the General Election, held on the 8th day of November, 2022.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Statement of Votes Cast, to which this certificate is attached, shows the total number of ballots cast in said jurisdiction, and that the whole number of votes cast for each candidate and/or measure(s) in said jurisdiction in each of the respective precincts therein, and the totals of the respective columns and the totals as shown for each candidate and/or measure(s) are full, true and correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 5th day of December, 2022.



Dean C. Logan
DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
County of Los Angeles



City Council Staff Report

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. CC 2022-122, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE MAKING LEGALLY REQUIRED FINDINGS AND EXTENDING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FOR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND/OR ITS RELATED OR SUBORDINATE LEGISLATIVE BODIES

ISSUE

Adopt Resolution No. CC 2022-122, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Palmdale authorizing remote teleconference participation for meetings of the City Council and/or its subordinate legislative bodies for an additional 30-day period.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Approve the resolution to thereby extend, for an additional 30-day period, the authority of the City Council, and all related and/or subordinate legislative bodies, to participate remotely in properly noticed meetings.

BACKGROUND

Since October 1, 2021 and through January 1, 2024, AB 361 has temporarily amended the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code § 54950 *et seq.*) to provide more flexibility regarding participation in public meetings from a remote location. In layman's terms AB 361 allows "zoom" meetings if specified requirements are met.

If the City Council authorizes remote meetings, such initial authorization must expire no later than 30 days from the initial authorization. The City Council is authorized to thereafter extend the authorization if it makes one of various specified findings.

AB 361 requires several procedural safeguards to protect public participation during a remote meeting, key ones of which are summarized as follows:

1. The public must have the ability to address the legislative body directly and must be given information on how to address the legislative body;
2. The public must be provided with either a call-in or internet-based service option;
3. The legislative body must stop the meeting if the call-in or internet-based option fails;

4. The legislative body cannot require that public comments be submitted in advance (although this option can be provided);
5. Public speakers cannot be required to pre-register for public comment (except as required by an independent call-in or internet platform);
6. Members of the public must be given a reasonable time to register to provide public comment; and
7. Agencies that provide a timed public comment period shall not close the public comment period until that time period has expired.

DISCUSSION

The City Council adopted an initial AB 361 Resolution on June 15, 2022. This resolution has been extended multiple times. The most recent extension is set to expire on January 6, 2023. The question before the City Council is whether to extend this authority for an additional 30-day period. An extension of authority to remotely participate is allowed if (1) the state of emergency continues, and (2) a resolution with required findings has been adopted within the last 30 days.

The proposed resolution would be immediately effective and allow members of legislative bodies to continue to participate remotely for an additional thirty days if the agenda for the meeting has included the legally required participation noticing. The resolution would also allow the City Manager (or designee) to opt to not include such noticing, as there may be instances where it would be impractical, due to staffing considerations, to allow remote participation in meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal II: Ensure long-term fiscal health of the City and maintain funding for services.

C. Involve and expand engagement to enhance public oversight and transparency.

Prepared by:	Scott E. Porter, Interim City Attorney
Approved by:	Ronda Perez, Interim City Manager
Approved as to form:	Scott E. Porter, Interim City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Resolution No. CC 2022-122

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2022-122**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE
MAKING LEGALLY REQUIRED FINDINGS AND EXTENDING REMOTE
TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FOR MEETINGS OF THE CITY
COUNCIL AND ITS RELATED AND/OR SUBORDINATE LEGISLATIVE
BODIES**

WHEREAS, the City of Palmdale is committed to preserving and fostering public access and participation in meetings of the City Council and all its subordinate bodies, consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code § 54950 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, Government Code § 54953(e) expressly allows cities to, during the existence of a state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code § 8625, allow teleconference participation in city meetings;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor declared a state of emergency and such declaration continues to be in effect;

WHEREAS, state and local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, including requirements to not return to work within specified time frames for people who have tested positive for COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No 2022-121 within the last thirty days, authorizing exemption from the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3) from December 7, 2022 until January 6, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Recitals set forth above are correct and are incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds that the state of emergency declared by the Governor remains in effect and state officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. Therefore, for agendas which include all the noticing required by Government Code § 54953(e), the City Council and its related and/or subordinate bodies, by this Resolution, shall continue to be exempt from the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3) until the end of the day on

January 20, 2023. The City Council may conduct its meetings in a manner which allows telephonic participation by the members of the legislative body, staff, and the public. Such meetings shall be conducted consistent all requirements applicable to telephonic meetings. The City Clerk is directed to notice all such meetings to allow telephonic participation by the members of such bodies and the public and staff, except as otherwise directed by the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall remain effective until the end of the day on January 20, 2023, unless the term of this resolution is extended or prematurely terminated.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st day of December, 2022.

Richard Loa, as Mayor Pro Tem (serving
in capacity as Mayor while the Mayoral
position is temporarily vacant)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Scott E. Porter
Interim City Attorney

Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk

I, Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 21st day of December by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Date: _____

Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk



City Council Staff Report

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE REVISING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.08.010 REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

ISSUE

Introduction and adoption of Ordinance No. U-1604, an Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City, revising Municipal Code Section 2.08.010 regarding the selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Also consider alternate versions of said ordinance, such as a non-urgency ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Hold a public hearing to accept public testimony; and
2. Consider whether to adopt Ordinance No. U-1604 on an urgency basis and/or whether to propose amendments to such proposed ordinance.

BACKGROUND

Until the November 2022 election, the position of mayor had been directly elected by the electorate at large.

Palmdale Municipal Code 2.08.010 currently establishes that for the one-year period following the election, the person serving as Mayor is to be decided by lot (i.e., by random selection), and then at the end of the first year, the position of mayor would rotate annually when it provides:

"Elected Mayor. The office of the Mayor of the City shall, beginning at the end of the elected Mayor's term, be filled by one of the Councilmembers. The district from which the office of Mayor is initially filled shall be decided by lot as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable. Thereafter, the office of Mayor shall rotate every one year and will be decided by a majority of the City Council."

The City Council has the option to amend the municipal code's provisions regarding the procedure to select the Mayor and/or the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

The proposed ordinance would do the following:

- Annual Reorganization. Establish that each year, a majority of the City Council is to select who will serve as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. In even-numbered years that decision is to occur immediately after the new City Council takes office (in the November/December time frame). In years when there are no City Council election results to be canvassed following a November election (typically, odd-numbered years), the City Council shall make such selections during the first regular City Council meeting of December. In years when there are election results to be canvassed following a November election (typically, even numbered years), the City Council shall make such selections at the same City Council meeting at which the City Council confirms the official canvass of the municipal election results consistent with Government Code 36801, and California Elections Code 10261 and 10262. In other words, in most instances, the position of mayor would be voted on each December or thereabouts.
- Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem Qualifications. The ordinance would make clear that a person shall not become mayor or mayor pro tem if that person declines the position.
- Vacancies. If the position of Mayor is vacant, the Mayor Pro Tem would become the Mayor. If the position of Mayor Pro Tem is vacant, it would remain vacant until filled by the Council majority.
- Removal. Even though the City Council is required to yearly determine who is to be Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, the City Council always retains the discretion to remove/replace the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.
- Immediately Effective. The proposed ordinance is crafted as an urgency ordinance, and would become immediately effective if approved by no less than four members of the city council. If adopted, the City Council would select the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem based upon the newly adopted ordinance. If only three members vote to approve the ordinance, then it could become effective as early as the 31st day after adoption. Upon it becoming effective, the Council majority could select a new Mayor and/or Mayor Pro Tem based upon the newly effective ordinance.

The proposed ordinance does not do any of the following:

- Impose Term Limits. The ordinance does not prohibit the City Council from voting to reappoint any particular Mayor and/or Mayor Pro Tem.
- Conflict with Resolution 2017-008. Section 2 of existing City Council resolution 2017-008 establishes that the City Council has the authority to select the Mayor Pro Tem. This is still true. The only difference is that in addition to the authority stated in Section 2, if this ordinance is adopted, the Council's selection is subject to the requirements of subsection C of the newly proposed ordinance which indicates that the council may not appoint someone who has declined to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in that particular instance. The ordinance does not change the

portions of Resolution 2017-008 which establish that the Mayor Pro Tem is to serve as the Vice Chair of the Successor Agency, the Palmdale Airport Authority, the Palmdale Civic Authority, and as the Chair Pro Tem of the Industrial Development Authority.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with Ordinance No. U-1602.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal I: Maintain a desirable community where everyone wants to live, work and play.

Objective C: Invest in staff and other human resource strategies to attract and retain a highly qualified, diverse, and creative workforce.

Prepared by:	Scott Porter, Interim City Attorney
Certified as to availability of Funds:	Janelle Samson, Director of Finance
Approved by:	Ronda Perez, Interim City Manager
Approved as to form:	Scott E. Porter, Interim City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No. U-1602
2. Resolution 2017-008

CITY OF PALMDALE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
ORDINANCE NO. U-1604

**AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PALMDALE REVISING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.08.010 REGARDING
THE SELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM**

WHEREAS, existing Palmdale Municipal Code section 2.08.010 provides as follows:

“2.08.010 – Elected Mayor.

The office of the Mayor of the City shall, beginning at the end of the elected Mayor’s term, be filled by one of the Councilmembers. The district from which the office of Mayor is initially filled shall be decided by lot as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable. Thereafter, the office of Mayor shall rotate every one year and will be decided by a majority of the City Council.” (underlining added).

WHEREAS, it is of substantial public importance that the mayor be the individual best suited to fill that position;

WHEREAS, the existing Municipal Code establishes that upon the termination of the directly elected Mayor’s term, the new Mayor would be selected at random;

WHEREAS, absent this ordinance being adopted on an urgency basis, the Mayor would be selected at random, as this ordinance would otherwise not be in place by the time the new mayor is to be selected following end of the term of the directly elected mayor;

WHEREAS, a decision as important as the selection of the mayor should not be left to chance;

WHEREAS, a mayor has substantial influence as to the overall political climate of the city, and a mayor can contribute to either discord or harmony, and can greatly impact the overall environment of the city such that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety;

WHEREAS, the existing Municipal Code does not establish how the Mayor Pro Tem is selected from the members of the City Council;

WHEREAS, the existing Municipal Code does not provide procedures for filling vacancies in the positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Municipal Code Amendment. Municipal Code Section 2.08.010, currently entitled "Elected Mayor" shall be revised to provide as follows:

2.08.010. Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

- A. Annual Reorganization. Each year, a majority of the City Council shall select from among its members one person to serve as Mayor, and one person to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. In years when there are no City Council election results to be canvassed following a November election (typically, odd-numbered years), the City Council shall make such selections during the first regular City Council meeting of December. In years when there are election results to be canvassed following a November election (typically, even numbered years), the City Council shall make such selections at the same City Council meeting at which the City Council confirms the official canvass of the municipal election results consistent with Government Code 36801, and California Elections Code 10261 and 10262.
- B. Mayoral Qualifications. A majority of the City Council shall select the Mayor from among those members who have not declined to serve as Mayor in this particular instance.
- C. Mayor Pro Tem Qualifications. A majority of the City Council shall select the Mayor Pro Tem from among those members who have not declined to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in this particular instance.
- D. Filling Vacancies. If there becomes a vacancy in the position of Mayor, then the Mayor Pro Tem shall be Mayor until a new Mayor is selected. If there is a vacancy in the position of Mayor Pro Tem, then the position of Mayor Pro Tem will be vacant until a new Mayor Pro Tem is selected.
- E. Removal. At any properly noticed regular meeting, a majority of the City Council may vote to remove the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem, and to replace such person consistent with the requirements of subsection B or C of this section, if applicable.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional, or invalid, or ineffective, provided the basic purposes of this Ordinance and the benefits to the City and

the public are not substantially impaired. For example, if it is determined that this ordinance could not become immediately effective, then this ordinance shall instead become effective on the 31st day after adoption. Furthermore, this ordinance shall not be interpreted as affecting Resolution 2017-008, except to the extent that the discretion of the council to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem pursuant to Section 2 of such resolution may be affected by new subsection C of Municipal Code section 2.08.010.

SECTION 3. CEQA. The City Council finds the approval of this ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) because the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378 because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. Alternatively, the City Council finds the approval of this ordinance is not a project under CEQA Regulation Section 15061(b)(3) because it has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Urgency Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

SECTION 5. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published or posted as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st day of December 2022.

Richard Loa, as Mayor Pro Tem (serving in capacity as mayor while the Mayoral position is temporarily vacant)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST

Scott E. Porter, Interim City Attorney

Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk

Urgency Ordinance: Mayoral and Mayor Pro Tem Selection

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I, Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly introduced, passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 21st day of December 2022 effective immediately by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Date: _____

Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk

**CITY OF PALMDALE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2017-008**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE REPEALING
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2011-015 AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF
THE MAYOR PRO TEM BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City Council to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem; and

WHEREAS, the position of Mayor Pro Tem is both an honor and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution CC 2011-015 establishing a method to rotate the position of Mayor Pro Tem so that every Councilmember would have the opportunity to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to repeal Resolution CC 2011-015 and appoint the Mayor Pro Tem by a simple majority of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Resolution CC 2011-015 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. The Mayor Pro Tem shall be appointed by a majority vote of the City Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council.

SECTION 3. The Councilmember appointed to be Mayor Pro Tem shall also serve as the Vice Chair of the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Palmdale, the Housing Authority, the Palmdale Airport Authority and the Palmdale Civic Authority.

SECTION 4. The Councilmember appointed to be Mayor Pro Tem shall also serve as the Chair Pro Tem of the Industrial Development Authority.

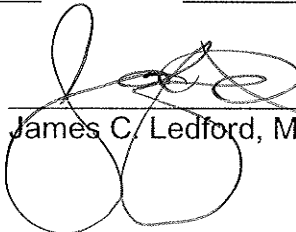
SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 1st day of February, 2017, by the following vote:

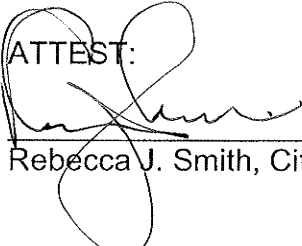
AYES: Hofbauer, Carrillo, Bishop

NOES: Ledford, Bettencourt

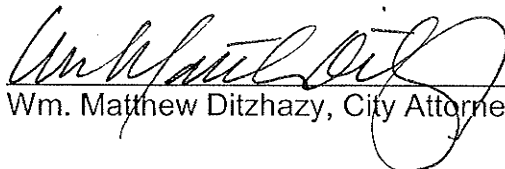
ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None


James C. Ledford, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rebecca J. Smith, City Clerk

Approved as to form:


Wm. Matthew Ditzhazy, City Attorney



City Council Staff Report

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY CLERK DIVISION
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: SELECTION OF MAYOR

ISSUE

Selection of the Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

Select the Mayor either pursuant to existing Palmdale Municipal Code 2.08.010, or if an urgency ordinance has been adopted which immediately amends the relevant procedures, appoint a Mayor consistent with such new procedures.

BACKGROUND

Palmdale Municipal Code 2.08.010 currently establishes that for the first year following the November 2022 election, the person serving as Mayor is to be decided by lot (i.e., by random selection), and at the end of the first year, the position of mayor would rotate annually:

2.08.010. “*Elected Mayor.* The office of the Mayor of the City shall, beginning at the end of the elected Mayor’s term, be filled by one of the Councilmembers. The district from which the office of Mayor is initially filled shall be decided by lot as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable. Thereafter, the office of Mayor shall rotate every one year and will be decided by a majority of the City Council.”

DISCUSSION

If the City Council has *not* adopted an urgency ordinance at the December 21 meeting, then the selection of the Mayor is to occur “by lot” (i.e., at random). The City Clerk’s department will have available at the meeting the materials available to randomly select the first mayor.

If the City Council *has* adopted an urgency ordinance at the December 21 meeting, then the City Council would select the Mayor pursuant to that new ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

CEQA

The selection of the mayor is an administrative activity that will not cause any significant effect on the environment. As such, such action is not a “project” subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal II: Ensure long-term fiscal health of the City and maintain funding for services.
C. Involve and expand engagement to enhance public oversight and transparency.

Prepared by:
Certified as to availability of funds:
Approved by:
Approved as to form:

Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk
Janelle Samson, Director of Finance
Ronda Perez, Interim City Manager
Scott Porter, Interim City Attorney



City Council Staff Report

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY CLERK DIVISION
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MAYOR PRO
TEM APPOINTMENT

ISSUE

Discussion and possible action regarding the Mayor Pro Tem Appointment.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction.

BACKGROUND

Resolution No. CC 2017-008 provides for the appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem by a majority vote of the City Council. The Mayor Pro Tem serves at the pleasure of the City Council. The councilmember appointed as Mayor Pro Tem also serves as the Vice Chair of the Successor Agency, the Housing Authority, the Palmdale Airport Authority, the Palmdale Finance Authority, and the Palmdale Civic Authority and Chair Pro Tem of the Industrial Development Authority.

DISCUSSION

At the December 15, 2021 City Council meeting, Richard J. Loa was appointed as the Mayor Pro Tem and is currently serving in the position.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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Prepared by:

Certified as to availability of Funds:

Approved by:

Approved as to form:

Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk

Janelle Samson, Director of Finance

Ronda Perez, Interim City Manager

Scott Porter, Interim City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
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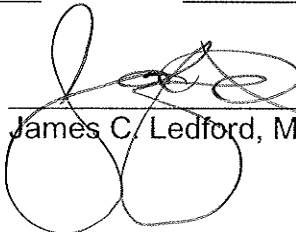
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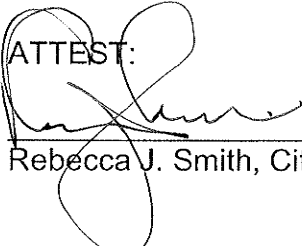
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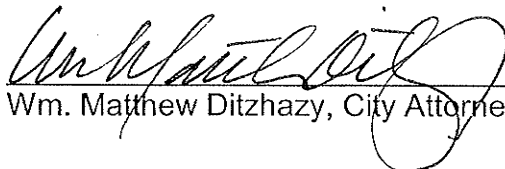
ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None


James C. Ledford, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rebecca J. Smith, City Clerk

Approved as to form:


Wm. Matthew Ditzhazy, City Attorney



City Council Staff Report

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2022
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
DISTRICT: ALL
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DECLARE A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES' PROPOSED RELOCATION OF HOMELESS TO A "VILLAGE" IN PALMDALE

ISSUE

Discussion and possible action declaring a state of emergency related to the City of Los Angeles' proposed relocation of homeless individuals to Palmdale.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Discuss declaring a state of emergency;
2. Take public comment;
3. Declare a state of emergency related to the City of Los Angeles' intent to relocate homeless populations to LA city or county owned land in Palmdale.

BACKGROUND

Karen Bass was elected to the office of Mayor of Los Angeles in November and sworn in December 11, 2022. In her first act as mayor, she declared a state of emergency related to homelessness in the city of Los Angeles. More specifically, in an interview given and published on May 7, 2022, when asked about how she would address the homelessness issue she responded, "There's a big chunk of land in Palmdale and maybe we could create a village out there." Palmdale City Council immediately denounced then mayoral candidate Bass' comments and invited her to visit Palmdale to work collaboratively on solutions before trying to export her city's homeless to our community. She has yet to accept our offer. Bass' emergency order allows her to demand that departments identify all city-owned properties that can be used for some form of housing. The City of Los Angeles owns approximately 17,000 acres of bare land with few if any improvements in and around the Plant 42 installation.

DISCUSSION

There exists little to no infrastructure or services in place to effectively manage and assist in addressing this crisis. The idea that Los Angeles could export homelessness problems on Palmdale's working class, family-oriented desert community on an emergency basis, without allowing time for community and cross-agency communications is deeply disturbing. Rather the City of Los Angeles should take the time to collaborate on equitable, community-based solutions to address this humanitarian crisis.

A declaration of emergency would allow the City of Palmdale to activate an emergency operations team in response to this proposal. It would allow Palmdale to have the tools and resources necessary to mitigate the negative impacts of actions which are taken on an emergency basis and which could permanently and negatively impact the safety of persons and property within Palmdale. Granting such tools would encourage the City of Los Angeles to work cooperatively with Palmdale, and all its neighboring jurisdictions to create sustainable, rather than unnecessarily rushed and damaging short term "solutions."

FISCAL IMPACT

Unknown but estimated in the hundreds of thousands to manage costs associated with dramatically increasing the local unhoused population to include social services, emergency response teams, health and safety needs, media, etc.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Prepared by:	Ronda Perez, Interim City Manager
Certified as to availability of Funds:	Janelle Samson, Director of Finance
Approved by:	Ronda Perez, Interim City Manager
Approved as to form:	Scott E. Porter, Interim City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution CC 2022-123: Proclaiming a Local Emergency

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2022-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF PALMDALE CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMING A LOCAL
EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CITY OF LOS
ANGELES' PROPOSED RELOCATION OF HOMELESS
TO A "VILLAGE" IN PALMDALE

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Times has reported that there are currently more than 42,000 people who are homeless in the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles owns approximately 17,000 acres of bare land with few if any improvements in and around Palmdale's Plant 42 installation.

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2022, Karen Bass, when asked about how she would address the homelessness issue stated, "There's a big chunk of land in Palmdale and maybe we could create a village out there";

WHEREAS, on her first day of office, as the newly elected Mayor of Los Angeles, Karen Bass declared a state of emergency relating to homelessness;

WHEREAS, Government Code 8634 states in part, "During a local emergency the governing body of a political subdivision, or officials designated thereby, may promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property, including orders or regulations imposing a curfew within designated boundaries where necessary to preserve the public order and safety. Such orders and regulations and amendments and rescissions thereof shall be in writing and shall be given widespread publicity and notice."

WHEREAS, it is currently unclear as to exactly what actions the City of Los Angeles would take to attempt to resolve the homeless crisis, and whether, or to what extent its emergency powers would be used to create a homeless "village", and whether, and to what extent such village would cause negative secondary effects which would require immediate action to resolve;

WHEREAS, the City of Palmdale supports taking well-reasoned and long-term solutions to the ongoing issues relating to housing and homelessness, rather than short-term solution which, when not properly planned, can cause multiple negative and unplanned secondary impacts which can cause significant legal issues;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles declaring an emergency establishes extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within Palmdale, and such conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of this City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to

combat;

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster declared a state of emergency on similar grounds;

WHEREAS, the Palmdale City Manager serves as the City's Director of Emergency Services, and such individual should be granted the legal authority to take actions which mitigate or prevent negative impacts on Palmdale from actions taken by the City of Los Angeles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Emergency. For the above reasons, the City Council declares the existence of a state of emergency in response to actions taken by the City of Los Angeles. Such state of emergency shall end on the 60th day hereafter unless subsequently extended by action of the City Council, or prematurely terminated by the City Council. The City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, may only use this authority granted in response to actions which may occur (or which have occurred) directly or indirectly as a result of actions taken by the City of Los Angeles, including action taken in concert with or by other public or private entities.

SECTION 2. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st day of December, 2022.

_____, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM

ATTEST:

Scott E. Porter
Interim City Attorney

Rochelle Scott
Acting City Clerk

I, Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 21st day of December, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Date: _____
Rochelle Scott, Acting City Clerk



Strategic Plan

Vision Statement: To be a High Performing Organization providing world-class service that enhances the quality of life through innovation, passion, engagement, and collaboration.

Goal I:

Maintain effective public safety and protection for life, property and the environment.

Objectives

- A. Provide comprehensive and innovative safety services to prevent crime and promote a safe community.
- B. Be prepared to protect life, property, and the environment in the event of catastrophic disasters and emergencies.
- C. Use a variety of methods to communicate timely, useful, and trusted information about city programs, services and policies.
- D. Strengthen regional, state and national partnerships to enhance our legislative presence.

Goal II:

Ensure long-term fiscal health of the City and maintain funding for services.

Objectives

- A. Manage resources, costs and liabilities to ensure the City's long-term fiscal health.
- B. Establish healthy reserves for ongoing replacement and repair of capital while stabilizing annual spending.
- C. Involve and expand engagement to enhance public oversight and transparency.
- D. Pursue alternative financing opportunities for continued infrastructure improvements and quality community programs.

Goal III:

Invest in infrastructure to improve community livability.

Objectives

- A. Seek innovative, cost effective, customer focused methods of service delivery.
- B. Implement and administer environmentally sustainable programs.
- C. Plan and maintain safe and attractive neighborhoods, streets, facilities, and public spaces with exciting programming that promotes active fun for everyone.
- D. Launch an efficient regional multi-modal transportation hub connecting high speed rail, air, auto, and public transit.
- E. Transform housing inventory to meet the changing lifestyle and market demands.

Goal IV:

Maintain a desirable community where everyone wants to live, work and play.

Objectives

- A. Support opportunities to celebrate rich traditions and diverse cultures in the community.
- B. Provide inclusive access to a variety of supportive services that build a resilient and healthy community.
- C. Invest in staff and other human resource strategies to attract and retain a highly qualified, diverse, and creative workforce.
- D. Develop and maintain diverse programs and events that inspire growth, pride and lifelong learning.