BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION

R-20-49

RESOLUTION APPROVING SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND APPROVING TEMPORARY CLOSURE AND ADJUSTMENT OF SERVICES HOURS TO THE PUBLIC FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) "a public health emergency of international concern", and on March 11, 2020, referenced the event as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2020 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that community spread of COVID-19 is likely to occur in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer declared a Local Public Health Emergency ("Declaration") due to the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-33-20 directing residents to stay at home except to engage in essential services, activities, and/or work; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer and Director of Emergency Services directed the residents of San Joaquin County to stay at home except to engage in essential services, activities, and/or work;

WHEREAS, out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of the public and County employees during the COVID-19 pandemic, some County departments have closed their offices to the public or adjusted hours of operation; and

WHEREAS, the following County departments have closed their public-facing offices/facilities: Agricultural Commissioner, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk, Treasurer-Tax Collector, and Veteran Services; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office has closed its offices to large groups, but is still meeting with the public on an appointment-only and as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation has closed County parks to the public to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Public Guardian/Conservator has reduced the office hours it is open to the public to two hours per day; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting additional Board authorization to temporarily close the following County facilities to the public effective April 1, 2020: County Administration Building; Public Works/Community Development shared lobby; and Environmental Health; and

WHEREAS, all Essential Services will continue to be delivered by the County via a combination of on-line, telephone, and other service delivery models during these temporary office closures/adjustments to hours of service. A list of the available essential County services is under development and will be posted on the County website and on the County's COVID-19 webpage by April 3, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the closure of the County Administration Building, Public Works/Community Development shared lobby, and Environmental Health to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the office closures, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the District Attorney's Office closure of its offices to large groups, Parks and Recreation closure of County parks to the public, and the Public Guardian/Conservator reducing office hours to two hours per day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Essential Services will continue to be delivered by the County via a combination of on-line, telephone, and other service delivery models during these temporary office closures/adjustments to hours of service. A list of the available essential County services is under development and will be posted on the County website and on the County's COVID-19 webpage by April 3, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED March 31, 2020, by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors, to wit:

AYES: Villapudua, Patti, Winn, Elliott, Miller

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST: RACHÉL DeBORD Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of San Joaquin State of California



Katherine M. Miller

KATHERINE M. MILLER Chair, Board of Supervisors County of San Joaquin State of California