

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 25, 2022

INFORMATION

**SUBJECT: EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 25, 2022 THE CITY OF SAN JOSE IS
REDUCING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ACTIVITIES**

In May and June of 2021, the Administration and City Council finalized the planning and budgetary resources to transition the organization from COVID-19 Emergency Response—with a fully activated Emergency Operations Center (EOC)—to the beginning of Community and Economic Recovery. Yet, due to the unexpected and unplanned local emergence of the Delta variant in July 2021 creating the “4th wave” of the pandemic, the associated ability to infect 2.5x the number of people as the original strain, and the dramatic increase in transmissions and infections, the City again reactivated the EOC to ensure that response, recovery and other items on the City Roadmap could occur in parallel.¹ Since August 2021, the EOC has continued to operate focusing on our local response to the Delta and Omicron variants.

1. Effective February 25, 2022, the EOC will reduce operations. This is based on case counts from the current Omicron surge that have dropped dramatically and are expected to continue to drop over the coming weeks;
2. As the most vaccinated big city in the country, we have, throughout the duration of the existing emergency, expanded resources to respond to surges while maintaining a comparable level of services;
3. Our existing policies and procedures in place around workplace safety, including masking and vaccinations, are enough to ensure continued operation and can be modified to stay in line with County Guidance as the situation changes without the EOC being fully activated;
4. The City Roadmap provides an effective governance structure for ongoing recovery work that is not dependent on the EOC;
5. The EOC will remain staffed at a level to continue appropriate monitoring of the emergency situation and can immediately recommend expansion of the EOC if necessary, to manage any new emergency response; and

¹ <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/Home/Components/News/News/3193/5167>

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6. The City's Proclamation of Local Emergency will remain in effect to enable staff to support ongoing food services, digital equity, housing stabilization, vaccination/testing support, and other extraordinary services the City assumed to ensure the public health of our residents. When conditions warrant termination of the Local Emergency, we will return to City Council for such action.

All ongoing recovery operations will shift back to the appropriate departments as part of the City Enterprise Priority COVID-19 Pandemic: Community and Economic Recovery led by Deputy City Managers, Rosalynn Hughey and Rob Lloyd. The Vaccination Taskforce will also remain in effect and continue to operate as part of the City Manager's Office of Emergency Management under Director Raymond Riordan. A chart of the current City Roadmap with initiative leads is included as an attachment to this memorandum for reference.

We will continue to regularly report to the City Council on our COVID-19 Community and Economic Recovery efforts as the work of implementing City Roadmap items come to the City Council or a City Council Committee for updates, discussion, or action. As the mechanism for communication, these reports will now primarily be heard through items on the regular agenda rather than through the Report of the City Manager (Council Agenda, Item 3.1). Because the 200 flash reports issued from the EOC (available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese (simplified and traditional)) have been so well received, the City Manager's Communications Office is in the process of developing a transition plan for those reports in order to continue engaging our residents and businesses during the extended recovery.

As the City reduces activity in the EOC, it is important to note that the health and safety of City employees and our community remain a top priority. As such, departments will continue the COVID-19 safety liaison's functions and coordination with the Human Resources Department safety team (e.g., responding to positive COVID cases, exposures, notifications, quarantines).

The Office of Emergency Management will now shift focus to the After-Action Review of our COVID-19 Pandemic response and the planning, preparation, and training required to ready us for the next set of threats and hazards, including the goal of making sure we are quake ready for the inevitable "Big One."



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For questions, please contact Raymond Riordan, Director, City Manager's Office of Emergency Management, at ray.riordan@sanjoseca.gov or (408) 794-7050.

Attachment: City Roadmap | FY 2021-2022

Attachment

San José City Roadmap | FY 2021-2022 | Initiative Leads

Enterprise Priority	Project						Strategy	Policy
COVID-19 Pandemic: Community + Economic Recovery Rosalynn Hughey + Rob Lloyd	Housing Stabilization Jacky Morales-Ferrand Ragan Henninger	Re-Employment + Workforce Development Nanci Klein Jeff Ruster	Small Business Recovery Nanci Klein Blage Zelalich Kerry Adams Hapner	Food + Necessities Distribution Jon Ciorelli Uyen Mai	Digital Equity Jill Bourne Ann Grabowski	Child Care Jon Ciorelli Hal Spangenberg		Build Back Better + Recovery Task Force Aurelia Bailey Carlos Velazquez
Emergency Management + Preparedness Kip Harkness	Vaccination Task Force Ray Riordan Alvin Galang							Soft-Story Building Retrofit Policy Chris Burton Lisa Joiner
Ending Homelessness Rosalynn Hughey + Angel Ríos	Emergency Housing Operation Jacky Morales-Ferrand Ragan Henninger	Sheltering + Encampment Services Jacky Morales-Ferrand Ragan Henninger						Encampment Management + Safe Relocation Jon Ciorelli Andrea Flores Shelton
Safe, Vibrant, + Inclusive Neighborhoods + Public Life Angel Ríos	Police Reforms Work Plan Jennifer Maguire Peter Hamilton	San José 311 + Service Delivery Rob Lloyd German Sedano	Encampment Waste Pick-Up BeautifySJ Jon Ciorelli Andrea Flores Shelton	Vision Zero Traffic Safety John Ristow Lily Lim-Tsao		Equity Strategy Development Zulma Maciel Andrea Truong Chris Cambises	Neighborhood Services Access Strategy Jon Ciorelli Maria De Leon	
Building the San José of Tomorrow with a Downtown for Everyone Rosalynn Hughey + Rob Lloyd	Align Zoning with General Plan Chris Burton Martina Davis	Development Services Transformation Chris Burton Alex Powell	Google Development	Major Real Estate Development Projects Chris Burton Robert Manford		BART + High-Speed Rail Strategy John Ristow Jessica Zenk	North San José Strategy Nanci Klein	
Smart, Sustainable, + Reliable City: 21st Century Infrastructure Kip Harkness	Pavement, Fire, EOC, Transit Capital Improvements Matt Cano	Wastewater Facility Capital Improvements Kerrie Romanow Matt Cano	Electrical Service for Major Development Lori Mitchell Zaok Struyk	Climate Smart Climate Challenge Kerrie Romanow Julie Benabente		Lowering PG&E Above Market Costs for Clean Energy Lori Mitchell		
Enterprise Priority Foundational	Project						Strategy	Policy
Strategic Fiscal Positioning + Resource Deployment Lee Wilcox	Federal + State Recovery Advocacy Sarah Zárata	Secure City Cybersecurity Rob Lloyd Marcelo Peredo	Procurement Improvement Julia Cooper Jennifer Cheng	Pension Obligation Bond Analysis Julia Cooper Nikolai Sklaroff		Budgeting for Equity Zulma Maciel Andrea Truong	City Roadmap Budgeting, Accountability, + Performance Dolan Beckel	
Powered by People Lee Wilcox	Continuity of City Services Ray Riordan Jay McAmis	Safe Workplace Jennifer Schembri Kelli Parmley	Employee Health + Wellness Jennifer Schembri Kelli Parmley	Drive to Digital Rob Lloyd Erica Garaffo	Effective Teams Jennifer Schembri Kelli Parmley	City Workforce Diversity + Skill Building Jennifer Schembri Kelli Parmley		