

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA
RATIFYING THE HEALTH OFFICER'S AMENDED DECLARATION OF A LOCAL
HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO IMPACTS OF CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS AND
WINDSTORM CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF PASADENA
ISSUED FEBRUARY 24, 2025

WHEREAS, significant wildfires occurred on January 7, 2025 within Los Angeles County, including the Eaton Fire in Altadena and Pasadena, which have resulted in widespread damage to property, disruption of services, and potential immediate and long-term health risks to the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2025 Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act within Los Angeles and Ventura Counties regarding the Palisades and other Fires and Windstorm conditions;

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2025 the City Manager for the City of Pasadena issued a declaration of local emergency due to the impacts on the City by the windstorm and fires;

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2025 the Health Officer for the City of Pasadena issued a declaration of local health emergency due to the potential public health impacts on the City by the windstorm and fires;

WHEREAS, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) mobile air monitoring testing results from January 31, 2025 showed no elevated levels of heavy metals (such as lead or arsenic) or benzene and overall, the AQMD results were within background levels and below national standards and state health thresholds; and

WHEREAS, testing for contaminants at nine City facilities completed the week ending February 22, 2025 found no asbestos and all lead measurements to be below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Dust Lead Action Level (DLAL) of 5 micrograms of lead per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$), a strict standard that was established to protect children in homes and childcare centers; and

WHEREAS, the AQMD mobile monitoring and City facility test results indicate the environmental conditions have improved to a point that warrants amendment of the Local Health Emergency Declaration;

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 101040 authorizes the Local Health Officer to take any preventative measure that may be necessary to protect and preserve

public health from any public health hazard during a declared State of Emergency and Local Emergency;

WHEREAS, section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, states that the “Local Health Officer or Director may declare a local health emergency in the jurisdiction of any area thereof” affected by hazardous waste which is an imminent threat to the public’s health; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena Health Officer issued an Amended Declaration of Local Health Emergency Due to Impacts of Critical Fire Events and Windstorm Conditions in the City of Pasadena on February 24 2025 pursuant to the authority cited above; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 requires City Council to ratify a local health emergency if it is to remain in effect longer than seven days, and to review the need for continuing the local health emergency at least every 30 days until the local health emergency is terminated; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Declaration of Local Health Emergency issued on February 24, 2025, is attached to this resolution and the City Council has received a report on the conditions described therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Pasadena hereby resolves that the Declaration of Local Health Emergency issued by the Health Officer on February 24, 2025 is hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Council; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that said local health emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Pasadena.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pasadena on the 3rd day of March, 2025 by the following vote:

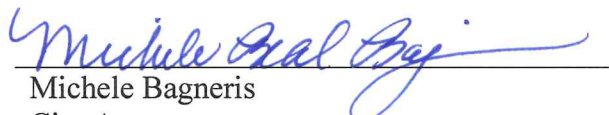
AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michele Bagneris
City Attorney

Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Clerk