

RESOLUTION NO. 23-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALNUT
TERMINATING THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN
RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency in the State of California due to the presence of and threat posed by the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Health Officer of Los Angeles County determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to the public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County and declared a Local Health Emergency and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors concurrently proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) publicly characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Manager acting in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency throughout the City of Walnut in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, pursuant to Walnut Municipal Code section 3.12.060 and applicable state law, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-25 ratifying the proclamation of local emergency and proclaiming existence of a local emergency regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-32 amending Resolution No. 20-25 and proclaiming the continued existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, beginning in March 2020 and continuing to this time, the City Council has engaged in frequent and regular review of the COVID-19 local emergency and the City Council has taken action on numerous items relating to the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor announced the termination of the State's COVID-19 related State of Emergency effective February 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, although the Los Angeles County COVID-19 emergency proclamation remains in effect at this time, the County COVID-19 metrics continue to improve and the County has officially entered the Low COVID-19 Community Level, indicating that the pandemic is not exerting undue stress on the local healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, with low transmission levels, widely available vaccines and boosters, expanding treatment options and increased public awareness and implementation of personal and public health safety measures and precautions, the City Council finds that the conditions that

existed in March 2020 that led to the initial declaration of a local emergency no longer support continuing that declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALNUT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds and determines that the foregoing recitals to be true and correct and hereby incorporates them in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Council recognizes the ongoing need to monitor and implement public health and safety measures in response to COVID-19, but finds and determines that the broad authorities inherent under a local emergency are no longer necessary in the City of Walnut.

SECTION 3. The City Council declares that current conditions no longer warrant the continuation of the previously declared local emergency relating to COVID-19 and as a result such proclamation of local emergency is hereby terminated effective February 28, 2023 concurrent with the termination of the State's COVID-19 State of Emergency.


SECTION 4. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of February 2023.



Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

(STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
(COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
(CITY OF WALNUT)

I, Teresa De Dios, City Clerk of the City of Walnut, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 23-13 being:

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was approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Walnut on the 22nd of February 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): **Cajulis, Freedman, Tragarz, Wu**
NOES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): **None**
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER(S): **Ching**
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER(S): **None**



Teresa De Dios, City Clerk