



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: APRIL 13, 2021**
FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON RIVERSIDE'S ROAD TO COVID-19 RECOVERY FRAMEWORK, THE FUTURE WAVE PREPAREDNESS PLAN AND THE COVID-19 PREVENTION PROGRAM

ISSUE:

Review and provide input on Riverside's Road to COVID-19 Recovery Framework, the Future Wave Preparedness Plan, and the COVID-19 Prevention Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Review and provide input on Riverside's Road to COVID-19 Recovery Framework, the Future Wave Preparedness Plan, and the COVID-19 Prevention Program; and
2. Direct staff to return regularly with updates to City Council on specific programs, resources, community engagement activities, and other recovery efforts being undertaken to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

BACKGROUND:

On March 13, 2020, the City of Riverside declared a local emergency to increase its efforts to protect the public from COVID-19. The City of Riverside's proclamation of local emergency notes that "there exists conditions of a disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons or property within the territorial limits of the City of Riverside that are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City for the reason of COVID-19." The City Council ratified that declaration on March 17, 2020. As the COVID-19 pandemic evolved, City Council, Riverside County Department of Public Health, and the State of California issued several orders and guidelines to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.

On May 17, 2020, City Council received a report and presentation on the Riverside's Road to Recovery Framework to address the COVID-19 pandemic by protecting public health, keeping COVID-19 transmissions low, and to facilitate the restoration of economic activities safely and viably. The Framework identified three stages of the pandemic – Response, Recovery, and Thrive - to focus City efforts. The Recovery Framework is intended to be a living document that is flexible and fluid to guide City policies and actions to facilitate restoration of economic

activities in a manner that enables businesses to operate safely and viably while maintaining public health objectives while keeping COVID-19 transmissions low.

On July 7, 2020, the City Council received and provided direction on a Second/Future Wave COVID-19/Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Plan. The plan defined coordinated strategies for City staff, residents and businesses to ensure community preparedness and identified response actions related to any future waves of COVID-19/influenza-like pandemic events.

On July 21, 2020, the City Council received an update on Riverside's Road to Recovery Framework adaption across City departments and instructed staff to return regularly with updates to City Council on specific programs, resources, community engagement activities, and other recovery efforts being implemented under the Road to Recovery Framework.

DISCUSSION:

As previously directed by the City Council, Riverside's Road to Recovery Framework (Attachment 1) has been revised, to reflect updates on specific programs, resources, community engagement activities, recent Governor's Office orders, and other recovery efforts being implemented.

In addition to Riverside's Road to Recovery Framework, the Advance Planning Section of the Emergency Operations Center has updated the COVID-19 Future Wave Pandemic Preparedness Plan ("Plan", Attachment 2). The Plan defines Citywide objectives and strategies for managing the impacts of any future waves of COVID-19/Influenza-like pandemic events (Future Waves) in the City of Riverside. Future Waves are unpredictable and can have consequences on human health and economic well-being worldwide. Advanced planning and preparedness are critical to help mitigate the impact of Future Waves.

Additionally, the Plan continues to ensure the well-being of residents, employees, businesses, and visitors to the City of Riverside by limiting the spread of COVID-19 during any and all Future Waves. Specifically, the Plan has been updated to continue to define coordinated strategies for whole community preparedness and response actions related to Future Waves within the City of Riverside. The updated Plan supports existing Riverside public health and emergency plans by applying fundamental principles to the specific needs and challenges of future waves. The Plan should be used by City departments and community partners to refine or create new procedures to manage Future Waves. Users of the Plan must be prepared to:

1. Customize the content based on the circumstances presented by the specific incident;
2. Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of implemented actions throughout each incident; and
3. Adapt actions accordingly.

Lastly, in addition to the noted Riverside's Roadmap to Recovery Framework and the COVID-19 Future Wave Pandemic Preparedness Plan, the Human Resources Department has developed the COVID Prevention Program ("CPP", Attachment 3) to provide guidelines in establishing a safe and healthful work environment for each City employee, to establish written procedures and rules for the implementation of COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP), and to

comply with the requirements of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 8, §3205 – 3205.3.

Specifically, the CPP mandates that all City Department Heads must ensure that all safety and health policies and procedures are clearly communicated and understood by his/her respective employees. Managers and supervisors are expected to enforce the rules fairly and uniformly. Moreover, all City employees are responsible for using safe work practices, for following all directives, policies, and procedures, and for assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

With the aforementioned in mind, staff recommends that the City Council Review and provide input on Riverside’s Road to COVID-19 Recovery Framework, the Future Wave Preparedness Plan, and the COVID-19 Prevention Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments:

1. Riverside’s Road to Recovery Framework - Updated
2. COVID-19 Future Wave Pandemic Preparedness Plan - Updated
3. COVID Prevention Program
4. COVID-19 Orders
5. Presentation