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Ratifying Executive Order Requiring that COVID-19 Vaccinations Be Available to Los Angeles County Residents 65 Years of Age and Older

On March 4, 2020, the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) proclaimed the existence of a local emergency following the introduction of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, in the County of Los Angeles (County). On March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Health Officer issued a declaration of a local health emergency due to the occurrence of COVID-19 in the County. On this same date, the Board ratified both the local emergency proclamation and the local health emergency declaration.

COVID-19 vaccines have been developed to help combat the spread of COVID-19 and prevent people from getting seriously ill from COVID-19. The County has begun to vaccinate County residents and workers, including frontline health care workers and residents and staff at skilled nursing and long-term care facilities. On January 13, 2021,

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Governor Gavin Newsom announced that people 65 years of age and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations.

During the current COVID-19 surge in the County, it is imperative that COVID-19 vaccinations become accessible to our most vulnerable residents, including people 65 years of age and older. People 65 years of age and older have suffered disproportionately from severe disease following infection from COVID-19, and they are at higher risk of hospitalization and dying from the virus.

Government Code section 8634 and Los Angeles County Code (LACC) section 2.68.150 empower the Chair of the Board to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life or property. Therefore, on January 18, 2021, in the interest of providing for the protection of life for our County residents, the Chair of the Board issued an Executive Order requiring that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health also make COVID-19 vaccinations available to County residents 65 years of age and older, beginning January 21, 2021. LACC section 2.68.150 provides that in order for an Executive Order to remain effective, the Board must ratify such order at its next regular meeting.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors ratify the attached Executive Order issued by the Chair of the Board on January 18, 2021, which requires that COVID-19 vaccinations also be made available to County residents 65 years of age and older, beginning January 21, 2021.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) proclaimed, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code (“LACC”), the existence of a local emergency because the County of Los Angeles (“County”) is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity due to conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising as a result of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, in the County;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Health Officer issued a declaration of Local Health Emergency due to the occurrence of COVID-19 in the County;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8634 and LACC section 2.68.150 empower the Chair of the Board to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life or property;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines have been developed to help combat the spread of COVID-19 and prevent people from getting seriously ill from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the County has begun to vaccinate residents, including frontline health care workers and residents and staff at skilled nursing and long-term care facilities;

WHEREAS, people 65 years and older have suffered disproportionately from severe disease following infection from COVID-19, and are at higher risk of hospitalization and dying from the virus;

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that people 65 years and older are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, the following order is necessary to provide for the protection of life for our County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health also make COVID-19 vaccinations available to County residents 65 years of age and older, beginning on January 21, 2021.

Dated: January 18, 2021



Hilda Solis

Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

