Proclamation

Declaration of Local Emergency by Director of Emergency Services

- Section 2-24.6 of the City of Alameda Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency, or to proclaim the continued existence of a local emergency, when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and
- **Whereas**, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Alameda does hereby find conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City, caused by multiple waves of severe winter storms and convective weather bringing gusty winds, brief periods of heavy rains, and thunderstorms with possible lightning strikes beginning on January 10, 2023; and
- **Whereas**, continuing waves of severe winter storms and convective weather threaten Alameda, bringing heavy rainfall, flooding, strong winds and wind gusts, falling debris, downed trees, and possible power outages. These conditions were, and are likely to continue to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and
- **Whereas**, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist throughout California on January 4, 2023, that will assist local governments and protect public health and the environment; and
- President Biden declared that an emergency exists in the State of California on January 9, 2023, and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local response efforts due to emergency conditions resulting from successive and severe winter storms, flooding, and mudslides beginning on January 8, 2023, and continuing; and
- **Whereas**, Government Code, Section 8630 requires local agencies that have declared local emergencies to review the existence of such emergencies every 60 days to determine whether the local emergency continues to exist; and
- **Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Alameda is not scheduled to meet in regular session until January 17, 2023, the Council cannot immediately be called into session, and the declaration of the local emergency will end on January 17, 2023 unless extended by the Director of Emergency Services; and
- **Whereas**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property continue to exist within the City, caused by multiple waves of severe winter storms and convective weather.

How, therefore, it is hereby proclaimed that a local emergency, due to severe winter storms and the damage that have caused and will continue to cause throughout the City; and

It is further proclaimed and ordered that during the existence of the local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this City, and by the City of Alameda Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the City Council.

This emergency proclamation shall expire on January 17, 2023 unless confirmed and ratified by the governing body of the City of Alameda on or before January 17, 2023.

Jennifer Ott

Director of Emergency Services

