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Dear Town of Los Altos Hills residents,

Our community is in the midst of an unprecedented public health emergency. We are in the same situation as rest of the Bay Area, the nation, and the world. The situation changes from day to day, and sometimes from hour to hour.



The only agenda item today, is to ratify the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency by the city council. If approved by the council tonight, as the mayor, I will sign the resolution adopting the proclamation, effective immediately. I believe the proclamation is in the Town's best interest, and it should not be a cause for alarm.

The resolution declaring a local emergency is done to protect and preserve public health and the safety of Town residents and property. The adoption of the resolution may have a net positive financial impact on the Town, for it allows the State to provide mutual aid to the Town. It may also allow the Town access to federal financial assistance.

You may already know, on Monday the Public Health Officers of six Bay Area counties, including Santa Clara County, issued a joint legal order directing these counties' residents to shelter at home and further mandating that non-essential business and government operations cease for three weeks, from March 17-April 7, 2020. The order limits activity, travel and business functions to only essential needs.

To comply with this order, the Town of Los Altos Hills has closed Town Hall, not allowing walk-in customers and will limit Town services to phone and email for the duration of the order. The sheriffs, Public Works and Finance, will continue to provide essential services to the Town residents. The best way to stay engaged, connected to our community is through our Town website, phone and email. The Town staff even created a virtual recreation website offering great advice on stay active indoor and outdoor, stay connected, stay informed, and stay nourished. Take this time to download our town's app onto your phone and you should have all the resources at the palm of your hand!

Comparing with our neighboring cities, we have higher percentage of senior residents. We must take extra precaution to prevent the spread of corona virus. Protect ourselves and our families, protect our neighbors. Knowing our community is united together to combat the virus war, I truly believe this war make us stronger and it will end soon or later.

*All the best,*

*- Michelle Wu  
Mayor, Town of Los Altos Hills*