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To the Citizens of Fowler:

The Fowler City Council wishes to address the community on the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Council's deepest concern is to keep the Fowler community as safe as possible, during this unique and historic time for our city, our nation, and the world.

On March 17, 2020, the Council adopted a resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency. The declaration will help us obtain funding for supplies and other needs related to COVID-19. The City has also developed a COVID-19 page on its website, www.fowlercity.org to provide citizens and businesses with information on as many resources as possible to help ensure their health, safety, and livelihood during this difficult time.

The Council asks that citizens do their part to cooperate with the Governor's Stay at Home order, which includes avoiding congregating in groups, such as at City parks. We recognize that many day to day activities have been disrupted, but our priority is the safety and well-being of Fowler citizens and City staff.

The Edwin Blayne Senior Center, the Police Department and City Administration offices, are closed to the public, however, staff will continue to work and conduct routine business. Please see the City's website for information on how to make utility payments, apply for building permits, and access Police, Planning, and other services.

We ask that citizens support essential Fowler businesses that are allowed to stay open, such as local grocery stores and restaurants (takeout and delivery), gas stations, etc. If you would like to donate food and supplies for our senior citizens who aren't able to leave their homes, please contact Yvonne Hernandez, Senior Citizens Coordinator: (559) 834-5486.

While our citizens are abiding by the Shelter in Place order, we urge you to please take this time to complete your 2020 Census information. This is very important, as it will help ensure Fowler receives its fair share of federal and state funding to meet the future needs of the community.

We ask that the community strictly follow the Fresno County Department of Public Health guidelines (www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/covid-19), and Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov). If we follow these recommendations, we can hope to "flatten the curve" of this pandemic and hopefully get back to our normal lives as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Mayor David Cardenas