



Livermore Community,

We are Livermore and we are resilient. Make no mistake, these are unprecedented times and we all must recognize our own responsibilities to slow the spread of the coronavirus for the good of our community and country.

Last Monday night, your City Council adopted a resolution ratifying a declaration of a State of Emergency, which will allow the City access to federal, state, and county resources. We have monitored the virus since first learning of its threat and are closely coordinating with other agencies, including: the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, the Alameda County Public Health Department, the Alameda County Office of Emergency Services, and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. We are in constant communication with our legislative advocates and the League of California Cities, quickly learning about the latest legislation coming down from our federal and state legislators and passing that information onto the Livermore community through our website and social media.

While the "shelter in place" order is in effect, the City is committed to maintaining essential City services. In adhering to the order, we have cancelled and/or postponed beloved City programs and events, adjusted City staff schedules, and instituted alternative ways of doing business. Take comfort in knowing that your emergency service workers and first responders, our police and firefighters, are still on the job 24/7 protecting our community and taking special precautions to keep everyone safe, including themselves. The City of Livermore and our dedicated employees will continue to provide the services that our residents expect. Safe, clean drinking water will continue to flow from your taps. Wastewater will continue to be treated to protect the environment. Public works will continue to maintain our roads and infrastructure.

To help keep everyone informed, we continually update our City website and provide links to trusted federal, state, and county websites, as well as to local business organizations, letting you know who is open and what you can do to support them.

Many residents are asking me, "What can we, as individuals do?" I tell them, resist the temptation to hoard. The supply chains are not broken and the stores will be restocked quickly. Remember, the more people that have hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes, the better off we

all will be. In keeping with the Governor's order, avoid unnecessary travel or contact with people. As you have heard many times, wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face.

Check on your neighbors, particularly if they are elderly. It is heartening to read the number of posts on Nextdoor from Livermore community members who are offering to buy groceries, share resources, or run errands for those who are having a difficult time.

Remember that there are those who struggle during the best of times. Donate your time, talent, or treasure to those who are helping others at Open Heart Kitchen (925) 580-1616, CityServe of the Tri-Valley (925) 223-6947, and Tri-Valley Haven (800) 884-8119. There are many home-bound seniors who still need nutritious meals during this time of crisis. Consider volunteering as a driver or donating to Meals on Wheels at Spectrum (925) 421-4657. Support your local business community. Order take-out or delivery to keep our restaurants in business or buy gift cards. There is a lot you can do, a lot we all can do, to help Livermore thrive.

I know this is a difficult time and I know this is hard, but we are Livermore, we will keep working together, and we will get through this.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Marchand". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor John Marchand
City of Livermore