

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02-6782

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Act, Government Code Section 8630, and Section 2.76.060 of the Signal Hill Municipal Code empower the Director of Emergency Services (City Manager) to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency if the Council of the City of Signal Hill (City) is not in session, and require that the City Council shall take the action to ratify the proclamation within seven (7) days thereafter, or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 8680.9 and 8558(c), a local emergency is a condition of extreme peril to persons or property proclaimed as such by the governing body of the local agency affected by a natural or manmade disaster; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a local emergency proclamation is to provide extraordinary police powers, immunity for emergency actions, authorize issuance of orders and regulations, and activate pre-established emergency provisions; and

WHEREAS, a local emergency proclamation is a prerequisite for requesting state or federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City, based on the following:

1. On February 4, 2024, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency for eight counties in Southern California, including Los Angeles County, as a series of winter storms began impacting much of the State with

high winds, damaging rain and heavy snowfall.

2. On February 6, 2024, the City of Signal Hill experienced significant damage to the Panorama Promenade, and Molino Avenue and 20th Street, impacting the safety of persons and property which are anticipated to be beyond the City's control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City, requiring extraordinary forces and action.
3. The City Manager finds that a threat to public health and safety now exists in the City of Signal Hill due to winter storms, resulting in, among other things, high winds, prolonged periods of heavy rains, land movement incidents, pathway closures in hillside areas, the potential for significant debris flows, and urban flooding. The National Weather Service has forecasted that additional and continuing storms related to this series of atmospheric river systems threaten the Los Angeles County region.
4. The City of Signal Hill has been responsive and proactive; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby find that the above described conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in the City; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code, Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7.5 – California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) allows that with the Proclamation of a Local Emergency the City may seek financial assistance and may request reimbursement of the significant expenses incurred during response, if approved by the Director of the California Office of Emergency Services or Concurrence or Governor's Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2024, the Director of Emergency Services issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a local emergency within the City; and

WHEREAS, the associated emergency conditions are ongoing, and the emergency should not be terminated at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency, as issued by the Director of Emergency Services on February 7, 2024, is hereby ratified and confirmed.
2. The City Council has reviewed the need for continuing the declaration of local emergency and finds based on substantial evidence that the public interest and necessity require the continuance of the proclamation of local emergency related to the February 2024 winter storms.
3. Said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until terminated by the City Council of the City of Signal Hill.
4. The Director of Emergency Services is hereby directed to report to the City Council within sixty (60) days on the need for further continuing the local emergency.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Signal Hill, California, on this 13th day of February, 2024.


LORDY WOODS
MAYOR


DARITZA GONZALEZ
CITY CLERK

Deputy

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)ss
CITY OF SIGNAL HILL)

I, Daritza Gonzalez, City Clerk of the City of Signal Hill, California, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2024-02-6782 was adopted by the City Council of the City of Signal Hill at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of February, 2024, and that the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: MAYOR LORI Y. WOODS, VICE MAYOR EDWARD H.J. WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBERS TINA L. HANSEN, KEIR JONES,

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT D. COPELAND

ABSTAIN: NONE


Daritza Gonzalez
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CITY CLERK