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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 313437

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SAN DIEGO ADDING TEMPORARY RULE 6.11.3 TO THE  
RULES OF THE COUNCIL CREATING A SPECIAL ISSUES  
COMMITTEE NAMED THE COMMITTEE ON COVID-19  
RESPONSE AND RECOVERY.

WHEREAS, Rule 9 of the Rules of the Council provides that the Council President may, at any time, place on the Adoption Agenda a resolution establishing a temporary rule that, for the time being, has the effect of a standing rule; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, is an infectious disease that has caused a global pandemic with significant impacts to the economy and healthcare systems in the San Diego Region; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers COVID-19 to be a very serious public health threat and the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors ratified a declaration of local health emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, former Mayor Kevin Faulconer proclaimed a State of Local Emergency in the City of San Diego (City) as a result of COVID-19, which the Council of the City of San Diego (Council) ratified on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2021, the Council approved the ninth extension to the declared State of Local Emergency regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, since March 2020, State and County public health officials have responded to the pandemic with a series of orders, including ordering all individuals living in the City of San Diego to stay home or at their place of residence, except to obtain essential services; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is causing, and is expected to continue to cause, serious negative impacts to the local economy and serious financial impacts to local residents, including substantial loss of income due to the loss of compensable work hours or wages, layoffs, and business closures; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, the San Diego County Public Health Officer, and the Mayor have issued a variety of orders and directives to respond to the emergency, including closing or significantly curtailing certain business operations, prohibiting gatherings among members of separate households, and cancelling conferences, sporting events, and other large group activities; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics from the County of San Diego, January 2021 was the deadliest month in the San Diego Region since the start of the pandemic. As of February 3, 2021, the County of San Diego has reported a total of 242,616 confirmed cases, with 10,459 individuals having been hospitalized, and 2738 deaths due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the October 2020 report from the San Diego Association of Governments estimated the San Diego Region experienced a \$12.4 billion reduction in regional gross domestic product and \$4.8 billion loss in wages across nearly all sectors in the first six months of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, according to the State of California Employment Development Department (CA-EDD), in the months following the start of the pandemic and subsequent stay at home order, the unemployment rate in San Diego County jumped from 2.8% in December 2019, up to a high of over 15% in May 2020; and

WHEREAS, the CA-EDD report dated January 22, 2021, indicated the most recent unemployment rate from December 2020, stands at 8.0%; and

WHEREAS, the devastating economic impact from the COVID-19 pandemic has led to multiple Federal, State, and Local government relief programs and numerous regulatory changes in an attempt to reduce the impact felt by communities; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Special Issues Committee on COVID-19 Response and Recovery (Committee) is needed for the Council to provide for an open and transparent public process to discuss the City's efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Committee would work on issues related to the City's COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery, including considering policy proposals, proposing legislation, evaluating the impact and effectiveness of regulations enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing recommendations on the distribution of COVID-19 relief and funding programs, and engaging with impacted stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Committee would be composed of four Councilmembers, to be appointed by the Council President, with appointment terms to last for one year, which may be renewed if the Council extends the Committee's work, or until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed; and

WHEREAS, the Committee would be authorized to meet beginning March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022, unless the objectives for which it is created are not complete, in which case the Council will have the option to extend the Committee's work for an additional six months; and

WHEREAS, the Council can establish the Committee on COVID-19 Response and Recovery as a temporary committee by adopting this resolution under Rule 9 of the Rules of the Council; and

WHEREAS, under San Diego Charter section 280(a)(1) this resolution is not subject to veto by the Mayor because this matter is exclusively within the purview of the Council and does not affect the administrative service of the City under the control of the Mayor; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the following temporary Rule 6.11.3 shall be added to the Rules of the Council until the Special Issues Committee named the Committee on COVID-19 Response and Recovery completes its objectives and is dissolved:

**6.11.3 Committee on COVID-19 Response and Recovery**

- (a) The Committee on COVID-19 Response and Recovery shall be composed of four voting Councilmembers. The Council President shall nominate two committee co-chairs and committee members, using the process set forth in Rule 6.2 and with appointment terms to last for one year, which may be renewed if the Council extends the Committee's work, or until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed. The committee co-chairs will share the role of committee chair on a monthly rotating basis with one co-chair

fulfilling the duties of committee chair and the other co-chair fulfilling the duties of committee vice chair as established by Rule 6.7. In the months that a co-chair is not serving as the committee chair, that co-chair will serve as the committee vice chair. The monthly rotation for serving as committee chair is subject to change upon agreement by both co-chairs.

- (b) The Committee shall focus on subjects related to the City's COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery, including considering policy proposals, proposing legislation, evaluating the impact and effectiveness of regulations enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing recommendations on the distribution of COVID-19 relief and funding programs, and engaging with impacted stakeholders.
- (c) The Committee will be assisted by a committee consultant, with additional assistance from the Office of the Mayor, Office of the City Attorney, Council Administration and Independent Budget Analyst.
- (d) The Committee will be authorized to meet beginning on March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022, unless the objectives for which it was created are not complete, in which case the Council will have the option to extend the Committee's work for an additional six months.

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Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on FEB 22 2021, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monica Montgomery Steppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Date of final passage FEB 22 2021.

**(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)**

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA  
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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