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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AMENDING TEMPORARY RULE 6.11.3 OF THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL EXTENDING 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 SARS-CoV-2 virus, 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, on February 22, 2021, in Resolution R-313437, the Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopted Temporary Rule 6.11.3 to create a temporary special issues committee named the Committee on COVID-19 Response and Recovery (Committee); and

WHEREAS, under Temporary Rule 6.11.3, the Council authorized the Committee 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 had the option to extend the Committee's work for an additional six months; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2022, in Resolution R-313870, the Council extended the Committee for an additional six months and authorized the Committee to meet from March 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2022, the Council approved Resolution R-314235 declaring a continued state of emergency regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, according to the San Diego Epidemiology and Research for COVID Health Website, data from surveillance of San Diego wastewater showed a sharp and growing increase in the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 infections in July 2022; and

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WHEREAS, epidemiologists report the highly contagious Omicron subvariant BA.5 has led to a surge of COVID-19 cases in San Diego County and across the United States. It is the most contagious of the COVID-19 variants to date, and now the dominant strain of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently listed San Diego County as "High" for risk of transmission on the CDC's community level scale; and

WHEREAS, one of the most significant concerns for the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency is that, currently, only 58% of the population in San Diego County has been fully boosted based on individual eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the health and socioeconomic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic continue to have disproportionate effects on communities of color within San Diego County and special consideration must be given to focus on the disparate impacts of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is now facing another surge of the BA.5 subvariant which is impacting the community and an amendment of Temporary Rule 6.11.3 to extend the Committee would allow for continued transparency and communication with stakeholders and the County of San Diego to address any issues that could arise during the surge; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the Committee will be unchanged and will continue to be comprehensive and include any issue related to the City's COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee would be authorized to meet beginning September 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Council can extend the Committee as a temporary committee by adopting this resolution under Rule 9 of the Rules of the Council; and

WHEREAS, temporary Rule 6.11.3 provides that the Council President shall nominate two Committee co-chairs and committee members, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Council; and

WHEREAS, Council President Sean Elo-Rivera submitted nominations for the co-chairs, Councilmembers Campbell and von Wilpert, and committee members, Councilmembers Stephen Whitburn and Raul Campillo, which was confirmed by the Council on December 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; 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 amendment to 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 objective 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 September 1,

2022 through December 31, 2022.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By <u>/s/Kathy J. Steinman</u> Kathy J. Steinman Deputy City Attorney

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Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego o	SEP 1 2 2022	, by the following vote:
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Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	Z			
Jennifer Campbell	Z			
Stephen Whitburn	Z			
Monica Montgomery St	eppe 🛛			
Marni von Wilpert	Z			
Chris Cate	Z			
Raul A. Campillo	Z			
Vivian Moreno			Z	
Sean Elo-Rivera	X			

Date of final passage _____ SEP 1 2 2022

(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.

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

By Connie Fattuso Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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