

MOTION


In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services are focused on disaster preparedness and resiliency - who has the virus, stopping its spread, and caring for those most impacted. We can best support them in their efforts by starting to plan for the eventual recovery. While it is too soon to end social and physical distancing, it isn't too soon to talk about the future of Los Angeles in the post-coronavirus world. Detailed planning done now could protect vulnerable people and help Los Angeles's economy bounce back more quickly when restrictions are eased. Done incorrectly, it could lead to more outbreaks and another round of restrictions.

Earlier this month Governor Gavin Newsom laid out six key indicators that he will use to determine when to lift social distancing orders for the state. On April 17, 2020 he announced the formation of a state Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery to aid in crafting strategies and solutions for recovery from the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Los Angeles must also develop strategies to help plan for economic recovery in consultation with relevant stakeholders. It is especially important for the City Council to detail a plan to help non-essential businesses impacted by reduced operations or closures due to COVID-19.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Chief Legislative Analyst in consultation with the City Administrative Officer, City Attorney, Mayor's Office, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health be directed to develop a process by which businesses deemed "non-essential" by the "Safer At Home" order can reestablish their operations.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City of Los Angeles, led by the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer, be directed to create and consult a working group of experts from government, academia, and the business community to make recommendations on how to ease restrictions on work and public life to aid in the City's recovery. Recommendations should include the order in which industries should be allowed to voluntarily resume, work that must be continued remotely, and the protocols and protections that should be in place to prevent a second wave of infections.

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