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Pacifica Community Members,

Day 10 of shutdown -- while this is a really difficult time on everyone during the Shelter In Place and Social Distancing orders, it is critical that we heed the expert advice of health professionals. The next couple weeks are critical in the trajectory of whether we as a community and a region are going to be able to *flatten the curve* and not overwhelm our healthcare system. Please do your part.

As you probably heard, the City took action on Wednesday to close all beach parking lots until further notice. The City has also closed the skate park at the community center, and the dog park behind Sanchez Art Center. All playgrounds are closed, but parks remain open for now. Please visit www.cityofpacifica.org/coronavirus for all of the latest information and links to great resources.

The Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Department has created a Virtual Community Center, with lots of great advice about health and wellness, fitness activities, puzzles and games, and more for all ages. Check it out at: https://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/pbr/virtual_community_center.asp

Also, several County resources important to note:

- County health is the source for reporting on confirmed cases of COVID-19; you can find this information updated daily on the County's main Coronavirus information page here: <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>. The County does not report on cases by specific locations, nor does the City have access to that data.
- If you're interested in volunteering to help, especially for medical professionals, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSXH6PZ>
- Medical donations, such as personal protective equipment, are desperately needed. Visit <https://www.smcgov.org/covid-19-donations>
- The County has launched a financial donations campaign, #SMCStrong. Visit <https://www.smcstrong.org/>

Please note that Congresswoman Speier is working to help prevent the discrimination that can occur when an infectious disease is associated with a population or nationality - in this case the COVID-19 virus with Chinese or those of Asian descent. Please do your part to reject this stigma. Press release here: <https://speier.house.gov/press-releases?ID=F141297F-7F81-4A0C-AF84-1EDBCC8DD537>

Additionally, sign up for the City's weekly newsletter "Connect with Pacifica" here: https://www.cityofpacifica.org/government/city_manager/cwp.asp

And sign up for San Mateo County Alert system here:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736723485#/signup>

Consider printing this letter and other information from the City's webpage to distribute to neighbors whom you think may not be on-line very often. Thank you for *sheltering in place*, practicing *social-distancing*, and helping in this time of unprecedented health crisis. Together we will get through this challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deirdre Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Deirdre Martin
Mayor