

PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act, Government Code sections 8558(c) and 8630 authorize the proclamation of a local emergency when conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a city exist; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 8630 such an emergency may be proclaimed by the governing body or by an official designated by ordinance adopted by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette Municipal Code section 8-314 provides that the Mayor may request the City Council to proclaim the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette Municipal Code section 8-314 provides that the Mayor may proclaim a local emergency if the City Council is not in session, which must be ratified by the City Council within seven days of issuance; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances of extreme peril to public safety described below are so severe and require immediate remedial action; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, I have determined that the proclamation of a local emergency is warranted by virtue of the extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in the City caused by a major storm and atmospheric river in the San Francisco Bay Area with a high volume of continuous rain as well as strong winds starting on January 4, 2023, which are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, this upcoming major storm was preceded by a powerful storm on December 31, 2022 which caused mudslides that blocked local streets, erosion to the creekbanks, downed trees and major tree limbs and the failure of a drainpipe near the downtown, to name a few incidents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I HEREBY PROCLAIM, effective immediately, a local emergency now exists in the City as a result of the circumstances described above.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this proclamation shall be in effect for a period of seven days by which time it must be ratified by the City Council of the City of Lafayette, pursuant to Government Code section 8630.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances and resolutions of the City, and by the City of Lafayette Emergency Operations Plan.

Dated: January 4, 2023

By:



Carl Anduri
Mayor, City of Lafayette