



CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

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Happy Saturday, Del Rey Oaks!

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful sunshine today! Our community continues to deal with the ongoing pandemic and economic challenges in a way that makes me proud to be associated with our town.

City Managers and County Administrators from Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties shared information on a call Friday that was joined by Senator Monning and his staff. We discussed the impact of pandemic related closures on individuals, businesses and jurisdictions. I was struck with how fortunate we are relative to many jurisdictions to have a small agile staff that can reduce costs in times of economic downturn but still provide core municipal services. The budget committee is reviewing a draft budget that will come before Council in June that is balanced, does not require lay-offs, and leaves our strategic economic uncertainty reserve intact. Most jurisdictions cannot say the same, and I am thankful for the leadership of this and previous Councils for the policies and decisions that allow us to be where we are.

We have testing capacity in Monterey County that is not being fully utilized, so please make an appointment for a test in Salinas or Greenfield if you like. The number of tests administered is one of the metrics the State is tracking for further opening. A natural result of more testing is more positive cases for now. Monterey's numbers are 317 as of Friday with an increase of 2 fatalities for a total of 8 in the County so far.

The County is offering news conferences three times a week as well as a range of programs to provide help with counseling, access to meals, and shelter space. Please see the attached County update for more information.

Also, please beware of scams during this time. An alert from the County is available at the County and City websites.

Thanks for those that joined me for a virtual Coffee with the City Manager. It was fun to see faces and to share information. We have scheduled them every two weeks starting next Wednesday to ensure we are sharing as much information as possible during the emergency period.

Thank you for continuing to care for one another, and for letting us know when you find someone in need. Please keep it up. Kim and Karen continue to run virtual City Hall from their homes. Ron continues to maintain our park, easements, and infrastructure. Chief Hoyne and our Police Department continue to keep us safe. I'm very proud of the team.

Thank you for your patience, discipline and compassion.

Best regards,
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