

City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: **Weekly Update**

SafeDineOC COVID-Safe Restaurant Campaign: The County of Orange, in partnership with the Orange County Business Council, has launched the *SafeDineOC* campaign to incentivize restaurants to follow California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As part of this initiative, restaurant owners may apply for \$1,000 grants for taking steps to create a COVID-safe environment for their customers. Grant funds can be used to reimburse restaurants for purchases of personal protective equipment, cleaning products, employee training and costs for physical distancing of tables and chairs. Restaurants that apply and are approved will be added to a list of COVID-safe eateries organized by city that will be available to consumers on the *SafeDineOC* [website](#). This online resource will enable the public to see which restaurants offer a safe dining experience in Orange County. For additional information and application instructions, please visit the *SafeDineOC* [website](#).

OCTA Rail Infrastructure Study: The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in partnership with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12, is conducting a study about how climate change effects the Orange County rail corridor. The study will identify opportunities and challenges to improve service, operation, and infrastructure to better withstand severe weather conditions. The study will identify preventive measures that can be used in developing near-term, mid-term, and long-term strategies. As part of the study, residents are encouraged to participate in an online [survey](#) designed to gather community feedback on how to improve Orange County train stations. For additional information on this project, please visit the OCTA [website](#).

Wildfire Awareness and Prevention: The height of wildfire season begins in mid-summer and runs through early autumn. To provide the community with the tools and resources to protect families, homes and businesses, the Orange County Fire Authority offers the “Ready, Set, Go!” campaign. Residents are encouraged to create a wildfire action plan now, long before a wildfire threatens their home. A wildfire action plan should include a family evacuation plan, disaster supply kit with food, water and basic supplies for the entire family that will last at least 72 hours and a “go” bag with needed prescriptions, copies of important documents or irreplaceable items. For additional preparedness information, please visit the OCFA [website](#).

City Council Candidate Nomination Period: The filing period to run for City Council (Districts 1 and 5) in the November 3 General Municipal Election is currently open and ends Friday, August 7. The filing period will be extended to Wednesday, August 12, for either district should its incumbent not run for City Council office. Candidates must be registered voters and reside in either District 1 or District 5 in San Juan Capistrano. A [district map](#) is available on the City’s website. Nomination papers must be signed by no

less than 20 or no more than 30 registered voters residing in the district in which the candidate resides. There is no cost for filing nomination papers. All forms required for nomination and election to municipal office are furnished by and filed with the City Clerk. Appointments to obtain the candidate's packet and review the information with the City Clerk are required. The City Clerk's office is open by appointment Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For additional information, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (949) 443-6309.

2020 Census Participation: It has never been easier to respond to the Census, whether online at 2020census.gov, over the phone or by mail. The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding, and provide data that will impact San Juan Capistrano's emergency and healthcare services, disaster relief, schools, roads and local businesses for the next decade. The ten minutes you spend on the Census is an investment in your community's wellbeing for the next ten years. [Respond now](#), and check out the [Response Rate Map](#) to track our progress.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS (*Tentative and Subject to Change*)

August 18, 2020

- Construction Contract for the Northwest Open Space Community Park Project
- Proposed Expenditure Plan for CARES Act Funding
- Agreement with Watt Development to Purchase a 0.14 Acre Portion of City-owned Property (Tirador Residential Project)

September 1, 2020

- Plans and Specifications for Gateway Landscaping Project