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City Council Meeting Restrictions for Tuesday, March 17, 2020

El Cerrito: Contra Costa County Health Department has advised against gatherings of more than 50 people to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and has recommended non-necessary meetings be cancelled.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY -

<https://cchealth.org/coronavirus/pdf/COVID-19-Interim-Guidance-for-Social-Distancing.pdf>

As a precaution to protect both staff and our constituents, and to ensure the meeting follows the county recommendation to not hold meetings in excess of 50 people, this meeting **will be limited to attendance of the first 40 members of the public to arrive. Council Chambers will be unlocked at 6:30 p.m.** Additional seating will be available in the first floor lobby and the 2nd floor Hillside Conference room. All seating in City Hall will be spaced to allow for minimizing close contact, as recommended by the County guidelines.

The city is asking members of the public to follow the [California Department of Health's Guidance on Mass Gatherings](#) when deciding whether to attend this meeting. **If you are sick or identify yourself as being "higher risk" based on the following, please watch or listen to the meeting from home:**

- 1) Adults over age 50**
- 2) People with underlying medical problems, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, chronic lung disease, or immunosuppression.**

How to watch or listen to the meeting from home:

- 1) Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 8 or AT&T Uverse Channel 99
- 2) Radio Broadcast on FM88.1 or 97.7
- 3) Livestream online at www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials

The public is **strongly** encouraged to submit comments in writing. All comments received by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 17, 2020** will be provided to the city council at the dais and considered before council action. Comments can be submitted by email to cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or in person at City Hall, 2nd Floor reception (10890 San Pablo Avenue).

For those who choose to attend the meeting at City Hall, but are not able to enter Council Chambers, comment cards will be available from the City Clerk to provide written comments that will be read into the record.

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