



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

**July 13, 2021**

**FROM**

**LEONARD X. HERNANDEZ, Chief Executive Officer, County Administrative Office**

**SUBJECT**

Continuation of Local Emergency Related to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Continue the Emergency Proclamation, originally proclaimed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020, resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) affecting San Bernardino County, as the virus still exists and continues to be a local emergency, for an additional period in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c).

(Presenter: Brent Martin, Emergency Services Manager, 356-3998)

**COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.**

**Focus on Recovery and Resiliency Following Major Emergency Responses such as the December 2, 2015 Terrorist Attack (SB Strong) and the Global COVID-19 Pandemic.**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The action to continue this local emergency will not require the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On March 10, 2020, in accordance with Government Code section 8630(a), the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors (Board) proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for COVID-19 affecting all cities/communities in San Bernardino County. The impacts from COVID-19 resulted in the need for the County to implement emergency protective measures.

Board approval of this recommendation would continue the local emergency for an additional period in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c). A local emergency, as defined by Government Code section 8558(c), continues to exist as there exists conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the County, caused by COVID-19, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. Continuation of the local emergency proclamation will allow the County to access state and federal funding to support the pandemic related emergency needs of the County.

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Pursuant to Government Code section 8630(c), the Board shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the Board terminates the local emergency. The Board last took action to continue this local emergency on May 18, 2021 (Item No. 33).

The State of California announced the reopening of the state on June 15, 2021. However, the state-wide emergency proclamation is expected to remain in effect.

**PROCUREMENT**

N/A

**REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Miles Kowalski, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5475) on June 21, 2021; Finance (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-4635) on June 23, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Matthew Erickson, County Chief Financial Officer, 387-5423) on June 28, 2021.