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Contra Costa County Passes Proclamation of Local Emergency and a Countywide Curfew Order Due to Civil Unrest

(Martinez, CA) – The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors has unanimously passed a proclamation of local emergency in response to civil disturbances after peaceful protests in the county following George Floyd's death in Minneapolis. The Board also adopted an order imposing a curfew in Contra Costa County due to civil unrest to begin Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 8:00 pm. The curfew requires people in the county to stay indoors from 8:00 pm until 5:00 am the following day, until further notice.

"These are challenging times. The sorrow and pain that have filled our hearts here in our Bay Area home cannot be denied. The need and right to protest and be heard are ones that we all support," said Supervisor Candace Andersen, chair of the county Board of Supervisors. "Today's emergency proclamation and curfew order will help the county respond to looting, vandalism and any violence that should not be part of peaceful protests. That we do not support, as they only hurt our communities. We want peaceful protests, and we want all members of the public to be safe."

The proclamation states that "Conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property, including to public facilities, have arisen within the County, caused by civil unrest, commencing in the County on or about May 31, 2020. Civil unrest in the form of riots and looting have arisen from protests in response to the tragic death of an unarmed man, George Floyd, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, while being detained by a police officer. The majority of protestors have acted peacefully and lawfully. But some protests throughout the nation, including in cities such as Walnut Creek, San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose, have given rise to injuries, looting, and property destruction."

"Mr. Floyd tragically died just over a week ago. We recognize the importance of peaceful protests," said County Administrator David J. Twa, who serves as the Administrator of Emergency Services. "We also want to emphasize the need for residents to stay home in the evenings and at night to stay safe. Our job is to protect lives, all lives. We want all people to stay safe during these difficult times."

See [Proclamation of Local Emergency](#) (Resolution No. 2020/155).

See [Emergency Order of Curfew](#).

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