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**Public Participation Notice for March 30, 2020 Solvang City Council Meeting**

**Solvang, CA** – On **Monday, March 30, 2020**, at **6:30 PM**, the **City of Solvang** ([www.CityofSolvang.com](http://www.CityofSolvang.com)) will hold its next **Regular Meeting of the Solvang City Council** in the Council Chambers, inside Solvang City Hall (1644 Oak Street, Solvang, CA 93463).

Solvang Mayor Ryan Toussaint will be joined by Solvang City Council members in the publicly-available meeting. However, based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Stay at Home Executive Order N-33-20, issued on March 19, 2020 to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, the **City Council meetings will no longer provide in-person public participation.**

We have established alternative methods of participation in the City of Solvang Council meetings, pursuant to the California Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which states:

- Providing an opportunity to "observe and address" telephonically or otherwise electronically, alone, meets the requirement; and
- Removing the former requirement from Executive Order N-25-20 of having "at least one publicly accessible" location from which the public may observe and offer comment. Executive Order N-29-20 now states expressly, "Such a body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment."

***The following alternative methods of City Council meeting participation are available to the public:***

1. You may observe the live stream of the City Council meetings on [www.CityofSolvang.com/YouTube](http://www.CityofSolvang.com/YouTube).

2. If you wish to make a general public comment or to comment on a specific agenda item, the following methods are available:

- Distribution to the City Council – Submit your comment via email prior to noon (12:00 PM) on the Monday prior to the Council meeting. Please submit your comment to [Council@CityofSolvang.com](mailto:Council@CityofSolvang.com). Your comment will be placed into the record and distributed appropriately. If you would like your comment to be read during the meeting, please state in your email that you would like this "read into the record". Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations.
- By phone – If you would like to make a comment by phone, please call into conference line 888-788-0099 and state your name, your phone number and which item you would like to speak on. The clerk will call your name to speak or will call you back at the appropriate time. Please make every effort to be available and mute all streaming devices once it is your turn to speak. We appreciate your advance notice to [Council@CityofSolvang.com](mailto:Council@CityofSolvang.com), if you plan on calling in to speak.

The Monday, March 30, 2020 Solvang City Council meeting Agenda may be reviewed here, [www.CityofSolvang.com/AgendaCenter/City-Council-2](http://www.CityofSolvang.com/AgendaCenter/City-Council-2).

Please contact Anna Ferguson-Sparks at [media@cityofsolvang.com](mailto:media@cityofsolvang.com) with any questions about the upcoming, March 30 City of Solvang Regular Council Meeting. More information about the City Council Meetings is be available on the City of Solvang website, at [www.CityofSolvang.com/187/City-Council](http://www.CityofSolvang.com/187/City-Council).

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