



CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item # 4

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 24, 2020

Subject: Resolution No. 2020-07: Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Prepared by: Jon Maginot, Deputy City Manager

Approved by: Chris Jordan, City Manager

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution No. 2020-07

Initiated by:

County of Santa Clara

Previous Council Consideration:

None

Fiscal Impact:

None

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the Council wish to adopt the attached Resolution recognizing and declaring April 2020 to be “Distracted Driving Awareness” month?

Summary:

- The County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors has initiated this movement
- The Board of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County requested the Resolution be distributed to the individual cities in the County for consideration
- The Resolution raises awareness of the dangers of distracted driving

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 2020-07 declaring April 2020 to be “Distracted Driving Awareness” month

Reviewed By:

City Manager

CJ

City Attorney

JH

Finance Director

SE

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
DECLARING APRIL 2020 AS “DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS
MONTH”**

WHEREAS, Americans send and receive more than 500 billion texts every month; and

WHEREAS, over 660,000 drivers in the United States are estimated to use cell phones each day; and

WHEREAS, one third of all teenage drivers admit to text messaging while driving; and

WHEREAS, talking on a cell phone makes a driver four times more likely to suffer an automobile crash resulting in hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, 26 percent of all motor vehicle crashes are related to the use of cell phones; and

WHEREAS, 48 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands prohibit text messaging for all drivers; and

WHEREAS, 20 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands prohibit all drivers from using hand-held cell phones while driving; and

WHEREAS, overall traffic fatalities fell by 22 percent and identifiable hand-held cell phone driver fatalities dropped by 47 percent following the enactment of California’s law prohibiting hand-held cell phone use.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby recognize and declare April 2020 to be:

“Distracted Driving Awareness Month”

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the ____ day of ____, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR

Attest:

Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK