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PRESS RELEASE

STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BLANCA PACHECO REGARDING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IN L.A. COUNTY

Downey, CA, March 4, 2020

Dear Downey Residents:

This morning, Los Angeles County officials declared a local emergency as a result of six (6) new confirmed coronavirus cases in the County. It is important to note that these cases are not a result of a "community transmission," but rather an identified source. I want to assure you that we have been monitoring this situation very closely and have been in constant contact with local partner agencies, including our local hospitals and school district, and there are no confirmed coronavirus cases here in Downey.

Please be aware that scam artists are attempting to sell medications and other products for profit. There are no specific medication treatments or vaccinations approved at this time. Rest assured that we will continue to be in constant communication with County officials and provide any updates we feel are necessary in a timely manner.

In the meantime, please continue to practice good hygiene by washing your hands regularly, covering your coughs and sneezes, staying home if you are sick, and distancing yourself from others who are ill around you.

For more information on the coronavirus, please visit the <u>L.A. County Department of Public Health</u> website.

Sincerely,

Mayor Blanca Pacheco