



January 24, 2023 – Item 7.b
Adopt a Resolution Terminating the
Local Emergency Due to COVID-19

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Background

Background – COVID-19 Response

- March 2020 –
 - Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency
 - City Manager (acting as Director of Emergency Services) proclaimed a local State of Emergency
 - City Council ratified proclamation of local State of Emergency
 - Alameda County declared local emergency

Background – COVID-19 Response

- Requirement for local State of Emergency (Union City Municipal Code Section 2.28.020):

“the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within this City caused by such conditions as . . . epidemic . . . which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.”

Background – COVID-19 Response

- State and County Health Orders
 - Non-essential businesses prohibited entirely (gyms, hair and nail salons, other hospitality services)
 - Restaurants could not serve customers in person
 - Capacity restrictions
 - Large events prohibited

Background – COVID-19 Response

- Local Legislation
 - Eviction Moratorium
 - Repayment of past due rent of 25% after one hundred twenty (120) days and the remaining balance up to 100% after one hundred eighty (180) days
 - COVID-19 Use Permit Ordinance
 - Temporary use permits to waive the requirements of the Zoning Code to facilitate business operations impacted by COVID-19
 - Expires immediately upon the expiration of the local emergency



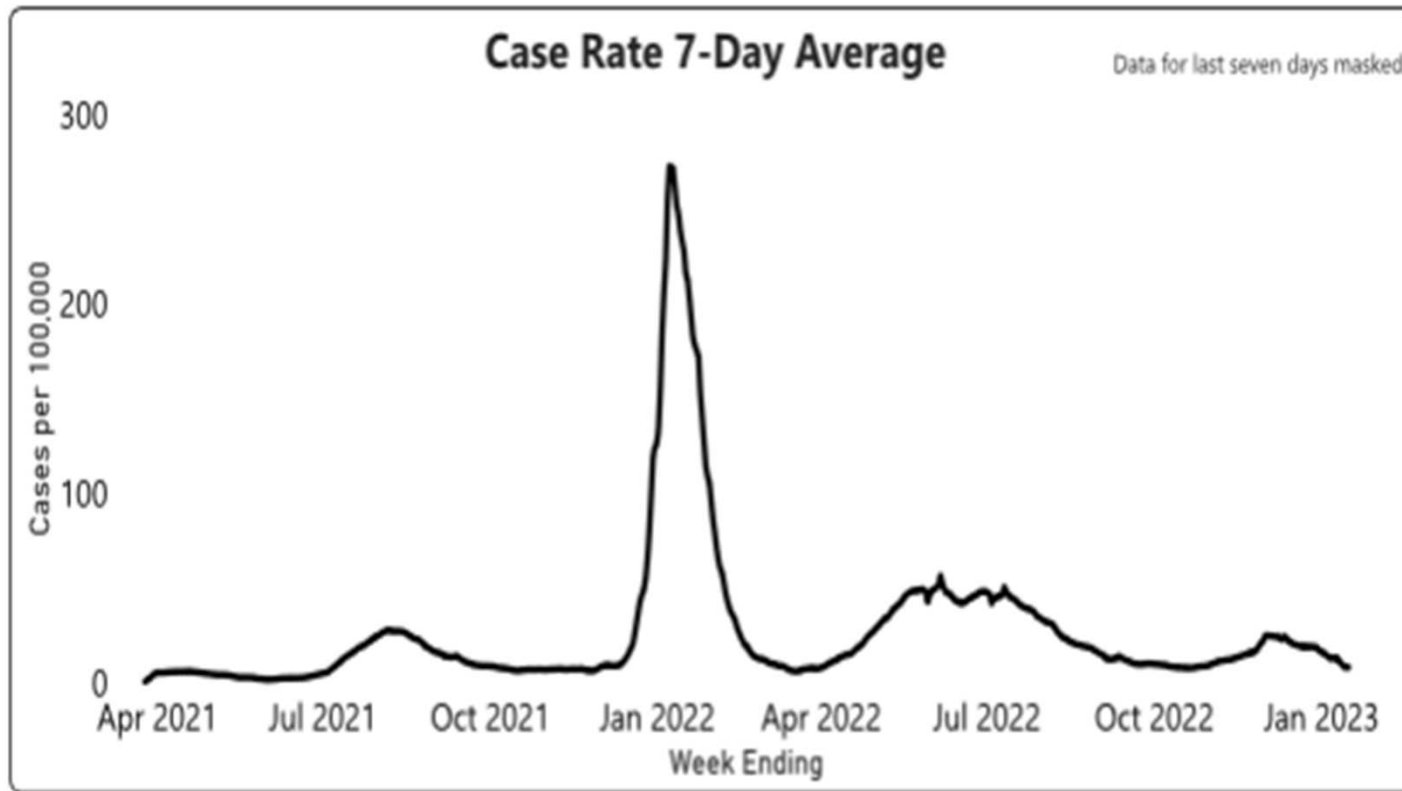
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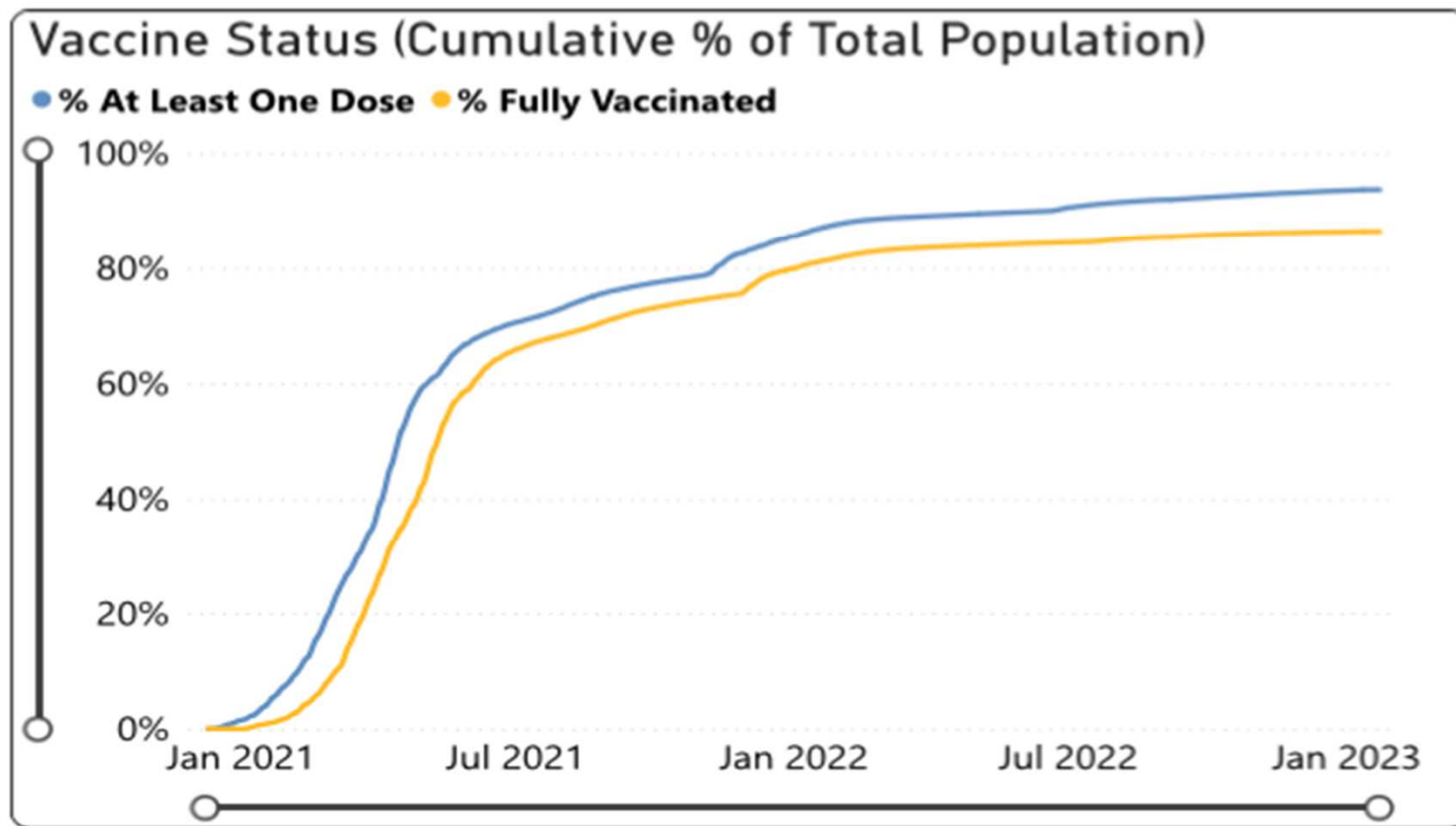
Current Conditions

- Governor Newsom will end State of Emergency effective February 28
- Eased or eliminated regulatory restrictions:
 - Mask mandates
 - All facilities permitted to operate at full capacity
 - Large public events permitted
- Unemployment rate in Alameda County at pre-pandemic level at 3.1% after increasing to approximately 13.5% during pandemic

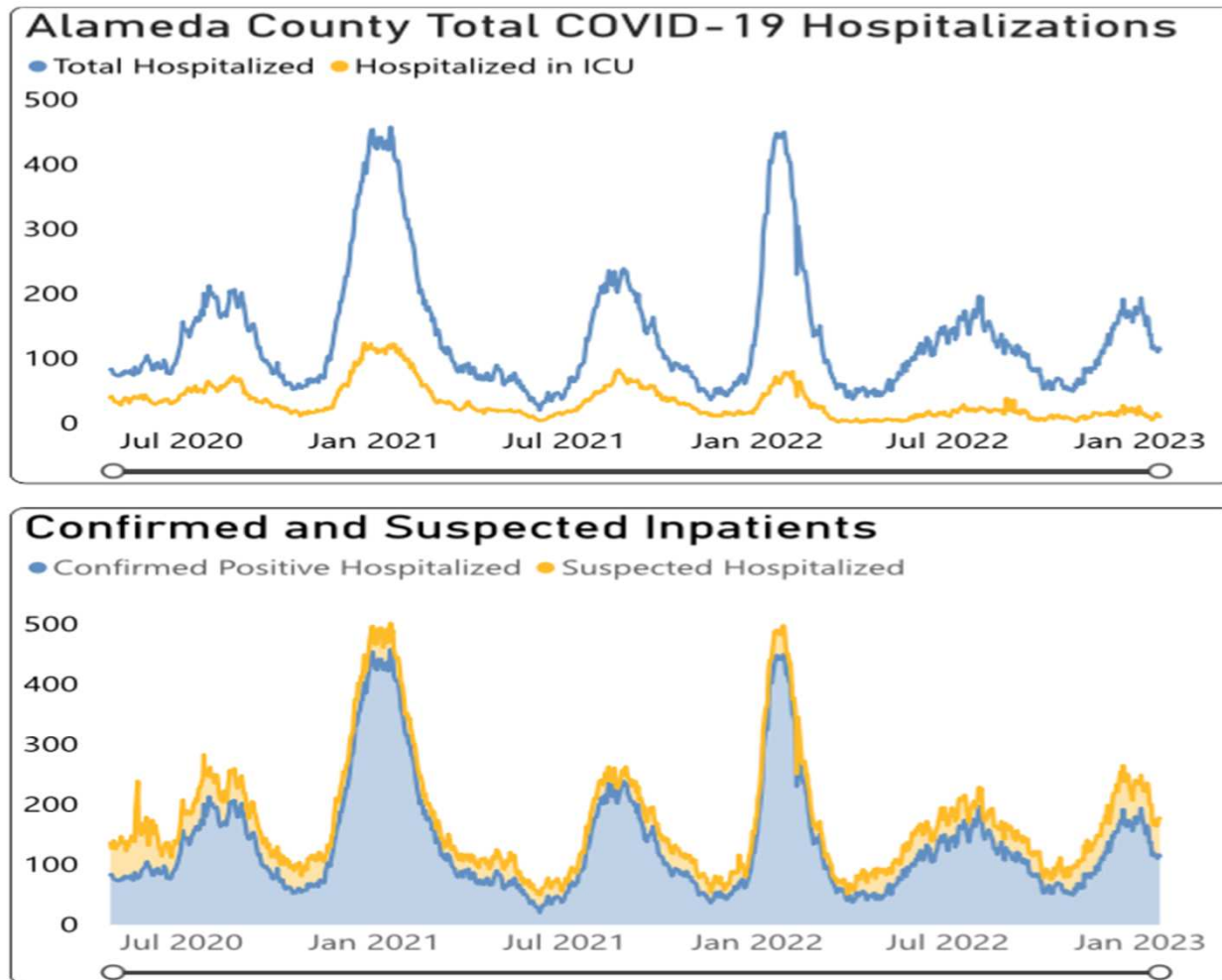
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Termination of Local Emergency

Rationale

- Conditions of disaster or extreme peril no longer appear to be present
- High vaccination rates (84.5% in Union City)
- No longer need to issue emergency orders or regulations or take other extraordinary actions
- Governor ending State of Emergency



Termination of Local Emergency

- Effective 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2023
- Concurrent with Governor termination of State of Emergency
- Eviction Moratorium and COVID-19 Use Permit Ordinance will expire

Recommendation

Adopt a Resolution Terminating the Local Emergency Due to COVID-19
Effective February 28, 2023

