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
City Attorney
Finance Director

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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:

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Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR

Attest:

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Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK

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