



*Proclamation*  
*of the*  
*Mayor of the City of Los Altos, California*

**Declaring the Week of October 17-24 to be Flood Preparedness Week**

***WHEREAS***, October 17-24, 2020 is California Flood Preparedness Week which theme is “Federal, State, and Local Community Partnership in Flood Risk Reduction”; and

***WHEREAS***, several creeks pass through the City of Los Altos including Adobe, Hale, Permanente, and Stevens Creek; and

***WHEREAS***, the City of Los Altos maintains an extensive storm drainage network, a sandbag station, and engineering and maintenance staff working on flood risks; and

***WHEREAS***, in addition to storm drainage network, flood protection is provided to the City of Los Altos by Santa Clara Valley Water District and its maintenance of the creeks that convey storm-generated runoff north to the San Francisco Bay; and

***WHEREAS***, the City of Los Altos wishes to support building resilience and emergency preparedness in our community, including flood preparedness. While no one knows when or where disasters and emergencies may strike, each of us can work to be prepared for the unexpected. Taking steps to prepare ahead of time can help individuals and communities respond better and stay safer during crisis; and

***WHEREAS***, the time and effort invested now in assessing flood risk and in preparing will help Los Altos residents and communities navigate through and recover quickly from whatever may come. The time to act is now, before the rainy season sets in; and

***WHEREAS***, individuals can help to prepare themselves by registering their cell phones and home addresses to receive emergency alerts at the website [www.AlertSCC.org](http://www.AlertSCC.org), sign up for alerts by texting their zip codes to 888-777, and learn more about flood preparedness by going to <https://www.valleywater.org/floodready>.

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Jan Pepper, Mayor of the City of Los Altos, on behalf of the Los Altos City Council do hereby declare October 17 to 24, 2020 to be Flood Preparedness Week in the City of Los Altos. I call upon all community members to join together to understand their flood risk and take steps to be prepared.

Presented: September 22, 2020

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Janis C. Pepper, Mayor