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Mayor Honors Essential Employees Who Have Sacrificed Their Lives Protecting Our Nation From COVID-19

SANTA CRUZ, CA – At the Mayor’s direction, City flags will fly at half-staff from April 16–18, 2020 to honor the sacrifice of the numerous public safety workers, doctors, nurses, and other essential employees across the country who have lost their lives while trying to help and protect communities from COVID-19.

“Every day, while many members of our community are able to stay at home and shelter in place to prevent contracting or spreading COVID-19, there are members of our community who we rely on for our basic needs, food, public safety and health care,” shared Mayor Justin Cummings. “Throughout the country, numerous essential workers have died from COVID-19 as a result of trying to serve and help their community through these difficult times. It is not only important that we acknowledge the sacrifice our essential workers are making, but that we honor those people, at home and abroad, who have lost their lives while trying to provide essential services and safety during this global pandemic.”

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Santa Cruz City Council declared a local emergency on March 10, 2020.

The City of Santa Cruz is the county seat and largest city in Santa Cruz County. The City serves over 63,000 residents with full services including police, fire, utility, waste, recreation and library programs. Santa Cruz is a Charter City governed by a seven-member council.

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