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Dear Dublin Community,

It is with a heavy heart that we, at the City of Dublin, have decided to cancel this year's St. Patrick's Day Celebration due to the heightened health risk of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Believe me when I say that we did not make the decision lightly. This call to cancel was made after tremendous thought and numerous consultations with both the Alameda County Public Health Department and the Alameda County Office of Emergency Services, and after noting that other popular festivals and events have been similarly cancelled.

The annual Dublin St. Patrick's Day festivities have taken place faithfully for the past 36 years. It is a staple in our community and is a beloved celebration of our City's pride and heritage. However, the festival, parade, pancake breakfast, and 5k Fun Run, have become regional events that annually bring close to 80,000 people into our community. It is our duty and obligation to protect our citizens, as well as the many visitors who would be coming into our City for the events.

Over the coming days, it is expected that the number of infected will likely rise in the region. Cancelling the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Celebration is simply the prudent thing to do.

On behalf of the City Council, we would like to thank the Dublin community for your understanding and support at this time, as well as to the sponsors of the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Celebration and other City events. We look forward to festivities in 2021!

Sincerely,

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