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MONTEREY CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS CROWD MANAGEMENT FOR FISHERMAN'S WHARF DURING SPECIAL MEETING WEDNESDAY

Monterey, Calif. – The Monterey City Council will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, August 19 at 4:15 p.m. to discuss physical distancing and crowd management for Municipal Wharf 1, also known as Fisherman's Wharf. In response to the reported increase in the number of patrons to the popular dining, retail, and recreational destination, the City Council will consider potential solutions that may be able to reduce overcrowding on the wharf.

On July 1, 2020, the City announced an emergency face covering order that enforces the mandatory wearing of face coverings on popular destinations such as Fisherman's Wharf and Cannery Row at all times. Residents and patrons have reported concerns about the number of individuals on Fisherman's Wharf at any given time, despite the mask mandate.

"Protecting public health and reducing the spread of Covid-19 is our number one priority," states City Manager Hans Uslar. "Recent posts on various social media outlets as well as emails received by staff and Council amplify our need to discuss this matter with the City Council."

The City Council is expected to discuss potential solutions to managing large crowds on Fisherman's Wharf, which may include caps on the number of visitors, reservation-based access, and/or other requirements.

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