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## **Civic Center Campus temporarily moving to the Pacifica Community Center**

In 2019, the City was made aware of air quality concerns by employees working in the Civic Center buildings, located on the corner of Francisco and Santa Maria. The City investigated these concerns to ensure the safety of employees and determined that there were common mold types in specific locations of City Hall, Planning and Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) buildings. As a result, impacted rooms and offices were immediately closed and employees relocated, with some employees required to share a conference room as their offices. The bathrooms and kitchen/break room areas of City Hall were also closed, requiring employees to walk to the Planning and PB&R building for those uses. The City then began to evaluate alternatives to create a healthy place to work for City employees, which led to the City Council's approval of the Civic Center Campus Renovation project following numerous City Council meetings and public outreach. As part of this project, the City Council approved the approximately 2-year temporary move to the Community Center on Crespi Drive while the Civic Center renovation is being completed. The Conceptual Design of the Civic Center has been approved and is currently moving into the final design, which is the preparation of construction documents. The City intends to start renovating the Civic Center in Spring 2022.

Offices in City Hall, Planning and Parks, Beaches and Recreation are currently in the process of moving to the Community Center. The old buildings will close on Wednesday, July 28, however, online services and phones/emails will be operational. By early to mid-week, August 2-4, Civic Center staff will begin working out of the Community Center location, and in-person by appointment only services will be available while the Community Center offices and systems are finalized. The relocated Civic Center at the Community Center will open its doors to the public beginning on August 16, pending any applicable COVID-19 related health orders between now and then.

The Community Center is also home to Pacifica's Senior Services, and staff have been working hard to accommodate the relocation and maximize room space at the Center. While there may be changes to some of the pre-COVID class schedules and/or locations, spaces devoted to Senior Services during program hours are not impacted by the temporary Civic Center relocation and staff is doing all they can to provide as many classes and opportunities for seniors as possible. Senior Services programming and activities are scheduled to begin in person on Wednesday, September 1, also pending any applicable COVID-19 related health orders between now and then.

A [FAQ document](#) has been prepared to address many questions about this project, and a [webpage](#) has been developed as a resource to continue to keep the community updated as the project proceeds. It is

expected to be a 2-year relocation at the Community Center while the final design and construction of the renovated Civic Center Campus occurs.

“This approximately two-year temporary relocation of the Civic Center to a portion of the Community Center is a necessary and cost-effective change to allow the Civic Center Campus Renovation Project at 170 Santa Maria Avenue to proceed as approved by the City Council to address health and safety concerns of the old campus and create a renovated Civic Center that is safe, functional, and inviting for the public and employees alike,” said City Manager Kevin Woodhouse. “City staff is working diligently to ensure a smooth transition to the Community Center over the next couple weeks, minimizing any impacts to City services and communications during the transition, as well as minimizing impacts to the Community Center and the Seniors and Community services/resources that will continue to be provided there.”

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