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## ALL COASTAL FIRE MANDATORY EVACUATION ZONES LIFTED

**Laguna Niguel, CA** – On Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at approximately 3:00 p.m. the final remaining mandatory evacuation zone established in response to the Coastal Fire impacting neighborhoods located in the City of Laguna Niguel was lifted.

The City was fortunate to have received over 60 different types of resources, such as Sheriff's Deputies from across the region, fire companies from throughout the state, and several fire suppression flight crews to battle the Coastal Fire, with more than 560 firefighters battling the blaze at its peak. Thanks to the relentless efforts of the City's partners in public safety, specifically the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) and the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), the Coastal Fire reached 100% containment on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Collaborative efforts between the City, the OCSD, the OCFA, and the Coronado Pointe Homeowners Association took place all week in order to ensure that all of the impacted residents were able to return home in the most efficient and safe manner, where possible. These efforts have led to a reduction from 900 homes, at the peak of the fire, to now 0 homes remaining in the mandatory evacuation zone.

"Our City staff has been working around the clock, alongside the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Orange County Fire Authority to lift the remaining mandatory evacuation zone in Coronado Pointe. We are happy that this strong collaboration and respected partnership makes it possible for all of the residents, whose homes have not been destroyed, to return home," said Mayor Elaine Gennaway. "Let us be sensitive and mindful of the fact that there are also 20 families whose homes were completely destroyed by the Coastal Fire. The City remains committed to providing assistance to these families as they make their plans to move forward. We understand that this is a challenging time, fraught with many questions, and I encourage those residents to please reach out to us. The Laguna Niguel family is steadfast in its commitment and compassion to assist those affected by the Coastal Fire."

The safety of all residents continues to be the City's top priority, and the City will continue to work directly with the impacted neighborhoods. The City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will also remain open to further assist residents returning to their property. Residents directly impacted by the Coastal Fire continue to be encouraged to contact City staff members for assistance and resources by emailing [Infire@cityoflagunaniguel.org](mailto:Infire@cityoflagunaniguel.org) or by calling (949) 362-4300. Additional information regarding the fire can be found on the City's dedicated Coastal Fire webpage at [www.cityoflagunaniguel.org/coastalfire](http://www.cityoflagunaniguel.org/coastalfire).

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