SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 1.1 (ID # 19822)

MEETING DATE:

Monday, August 15, 2022

FROM:

CLERK OF THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: CLERK OF THE BOARD: Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-174 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of Board of Supervisors for the Period of 30 days, September 14, 2022 Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

 Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-174 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of Board of Supervisors for the Period of 30 days, September 14, 2022 Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ACTION:Policy

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

August 15, 2022

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BACKGROUND: Summary

On September 16, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 361 into law, amending the Ralph M. Brown Act and allowing legislative bodies to have flexibility to meet virtually during the present public health emergency. Specifically, AB 361 suspended the requirements located in Government Code section 54953(b)(3) with respect to certain teleconferencing requirements.

By adopting Resolution 2022-174, the Board of Supervisors would be permitted, under the provisions of AB 361, to meet virtually for a maximum period of thirty (30) days. After thirty (30) days, the Board would need to renew its resolution consistent with the requirements of AB 361, if the Board desires to continue meeting virtually under the modified Brown Act requirements.

Further, by adopting this Resolution, individual members of the Board of Supervisors may teleconference into meetings during the time period specified. This Resolution does not change the fact that meetings must still be noticed with a compliant agenda in advance as required by the Brown Act. Additionally, members of the public will continue to be provided an opportunity to provide comment in person and virtually.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-174

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS

FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 15, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Board of Supervisors and its legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and view the legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, a required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558(b); and

WHEREAS, a further required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body holds a meeting to determine or has determined by a majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency declaring a state of emergency exists in California due to the threat of COVID-19, pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8625); and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-07-21, which formally rescinded the Stay-at-Home Order (Executive Order N-33-20), as well as the framework for a gradual, risk-based reopening of the economy (Executive Order N-60-20, issued on May 4, 2020) but did not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which set expiration dates for certain paragraphs of the State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020 and other Executive Orders but did not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2022, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-1-22 extending the sunset provisions for the virtual teleconferencing provisions of AB 361 for Education Code section 89305.6(g) and Government Code section 11133(g); and,

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2022, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-04-22 lifting all but 5 percent of the COVID-19 related executive order provisions while maintaining the State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020 and maintaining California's nation-leading testing and vaccination programs and protecting hospital and health facility capacity as part of the state's SMARTER Plan; and,

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2022, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No-11-22 terminating certain Cal/OSHA's COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards, not including Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(c)(5)(D); and,

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the state Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution the state Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention for employees and places of employment. Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(c)(5)(D) specifically recommends physical (social) distancing as one of the measures to decrease the spread of COVID-19 based on the fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, based on the California Department of Industrial Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code

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of Regulations, Section 3205(c)(5)(D); and,

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that it and its legislative bodies shall conduct their meetings by teleconferencing without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3), pursuant to Section 54953(e), and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed by Government Code section 54953(e)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors in regular session assembled on August 15, 2022 does hereby resolve as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Recitals</u>. All of the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

State or Local Officials Have Imposed or Recommended Measures to Promote Social Distancing. The Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims that state officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social (physical) distancing based on the California Department of Industrial Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(c)(5)(D).

Section 3. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Board of Supervisors and any of its legislative bodies are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) September 14, 2022, or (ii) such time the Board of Supervisors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which its legislative bodies may continue to teleconference without compliance with Section 54953(b)(3).

ADOPTED this 15th day of August, 2022 by the Board of Supervisors, by the following vote:

YES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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ROLL CALL:

Ayes:

Spiegel, Jeffries, Washington, Perez and Hewitt

Nays: Absent: None None

Abstained:

None

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board