



# **Agenda Report**

## **Fullerton City Council**

**MEETING DATE:** JUNE 2, 2026

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**SUBMITTED BY:** LUCINDA WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

**PREPARED BY:** LUCINDA WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

**SUBJECT:** ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT BROWN ACT UPDATES (SB 707) INCLUDING TECHNOLOGY DISRUPTION AND OUTREACH POLICIES

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### **SUMMARY**

Staff requests City Council take actions required by July 1, 2026 to implement new Brown Act provisions adopted in Senate Bill 707.

### **PROPOSED MOTION**

Adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XXX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING RULES OF PROCEDURE AND DECORUM FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 007

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XXX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING RULES OF PROCEDURE AND DECORUM FOR BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-002

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XXX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953.4

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Other options brought by City Council.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

## CITY MANAGER REMARKS

None.

## PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability.

## FISCAL IMPACT

None.

## BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The California Legislature enacted Senate Bill 707 (SB 707) in 2025, substantially amending the Ralph M. Brown Act in several areas and imposing requirements that took effect either on January 1, 2026 or become effective July 1, 2026. This report focuses on the SB 707 regulations requiring City Council action by July 1, 2026. Staff attached a comprehensive list of SB 707 changes to this report for reference.

*Mandatory Remote Public Attendance.* SB 707 requires the City provide two-way telephonic or audiovisual platform access for the public to attend and participate in meetings. The City has provided public remote access for City Council meetings since 2021 and will continue to do so in compliance with SB 707. Additionally, the City has offered remote access to board, commission and committee meetings since 2021, providing access to legislative bodies beyond statutory requirements.

*Technology Disruption Policy.* City Council must adopt a technology disruption policy by July 1, 2026 to address procedures when a technology disruption interrupts two-way remote participation during City Council meetings. The policy must provide for recessing, reconvening and the efforts the body shall make to attempt to restore service. City Council cannot adopt the policy on a consent calendar.

SB 707 requires recessing the meeting when the Presiding Officer or City Clerk become aware of a remote access service interruption. The Presiding Officer will recess the meeting and staff will attempt to restore the disrupted service. The meeting will remain in recess for one hour or until staff restores service before the hour expires. City Council may adjourn to Closed Session during the open session recess. If staff restores remote access, the meeting shall continue as normal. If staff cannot restore service after at least one hour of attempting to do so, City Council may reconvene and continue the meeting if it affirmatively votes to adopt findings that staff has attempted to restore service for at least one hour and the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access. Staff attached the draft policy to the City Council Rules of Procedure with other proposed resolution amendments to accommodate SB 707 for adoption.

SB 707 does not require a technology disruption policy for subsidiary legislative bodies (boards, commissions and committees). However, staff recommends adopting the same policy for all legislative body meetings for consistency and transparency and drafted an amended Boards, Commissions and Committees Rules of Procedure for City Council Consideration to incorporate SB 707 components.

*Outreach to Underrepresented Groups.* Legislative bodies must make reasonable efforts to encourage groups that do not traditionally participate in meetings to participate. Possible groups include media serving non-English speakers and good government, civil rights, civic engagement, neighborhood and community organizations, including those in non-English-speaking communities. Staff prepared a resolution for City Council consideration addressing outreach efforts.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Presentation
- Attachment 2 – Draft Resolution – City Council Rules
- Attachment 3 – Draft Resolution – City Council Rules (redline)
- Attachment 4 – Draft Resolution – Committee Rules
- Attachment 5 – Draft Resolution – Committee Rules Redline
- Attachment 6 – Draft Resolution – Outreach Policy
- Attachment 7 – SB 707 Table

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