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Remote Legislative Body Meetings

October 5, 2021



Background

- March 4, 2020 - California State of Emergency Declared
- March 12, 2020 - Governor Executive Orders
- September 17, 2021- AB 361 Signed
- September 30, 2021- Executive Orders Expired
- October 1, 2021 - AB 361 Became Effective



Executive Orders

- Relaxed Brown Act Provisions
- Allowed Remote Participation
- No Remote Noticing Requirements
- No Public Access from Legislative Body Member Remote Locations
- Roll Call Vote Required



Zoom Meetings

- Remote Access for:
 - Legislative Body Members
 - Public
 - Applicants
 - Consultants
 - Staff
- Live and On-Demand Video Available for All Commissions / Committees



AB 361

- Allows continued remote participation under relaxed Brown Act rules
- Must have a declared state of emergency
- Requires City Council make finding that state of emergency impacts meeting safely in person or social distancing needed
- Must continue to make determination every 30 days
- In effect through December 2023



Recommended Action

- If implementing AB 361, adopt resolution and continue to make findings every 30 days
- If not implementing AB 361, consider whether to still allow remote access for:
 - Public Comment
 - Applicant / Consultant / Staff Participation
 - Broadcast / Record Legislative Body Meetings (except City Council and Planning Commission)