

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City's Neighborhood Council system was established in 1999 as a way of ensuring that local government remains responsive to the different needs and lifestyles of the City's diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 99 Neighborhood Councils in the City, each serving about 40,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Councils are advisory bodies, who advocate for their communities on important issues to the Mayor and City Council through actions and deliberations occurring at Neighborhood Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) is a state law which governs open meetings for local government bodies in order to provide transparency; and


WHEREAS, the Brown Act establishes rules designed to ensure that actions and deliberations of commissions, boards, councils and other public bodies of local agencies are conducted openly and with public access and input; and

WHEREAS, SB 411 (Portantino) amended the Brown Act, to allow Neighborhood Councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions to continue meeting virtually after the state's COVID-19 emergency order expired to ensure continued public access and participation; and


WHEREAS, the Brown Act currently allows Neighborhood Council meetings to be held by teleconference until January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, AB 467 (Fong) extends the authorization for Neighborhood Councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions to conduct meetings remotely using technology like video conferencing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 467 (Fong), which would extend the authorization for Neighborhood Councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions to conduct meetings remotely until January 1, 2031.

PRESENTED BY: 
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