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**AGENDA**                    **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**DATE & TIME**            **Wednesday, October 19, 2022 - 7:01 PM**

**LOCATION**

Independence Plaza, 703 Atlantic Avenue, Alameda, CA

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. **ROLL CALL** - Board of Directors
2. **COMMISSIONER RECUSALS**
3. Public Comment (Non-Agenda)
4. **CONSENT CALENDER**

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be approved or accepted by one



motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received from the Board of Directors or a member of the public.

- 4.A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held June 15, 2022 and the Special Board of Directors Meeting held September 29, 2022. **Page 3**
- 4.B. Accept Monthly Report on Construction in Progress. **Page 9**
- 4.C. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and execute a 3-year contract with a third party property manager in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for third party management for the following properties: All AHHC owned properties. **Page 11**
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  - 5.A. Adopt the Authorizing Resolution related to the Alameda Affordable Housing Trust Fund Administered by the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation. **Page 15**
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6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, Non-Agenda (Public Comment)
7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMUNICATIONS
8. DIRECTORS COMMUNICATIONS, (Communications from the Directors)
9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

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**DRAFT MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022 - 7:01 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ROLL CALL - Board of Directors

Present: Director Tamaoki, Director Hadid,  
Director Rickard, and Director Sidelnikov

Absent: Director Grob and Director Mun

2. DIRECTOR RECUSALS

None.

3. Public Comment (Non-Agenda)

None.

4. Closed Session - 7:02 p.m. - Adjournment to Closed Session to Consider:

Director Tamaoki called the meeting to order at 8:41 p.m. and removed items 4.A and 4.B as they were discussed during the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting.

4.A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)  
Conference with Legal counsel re existing litigation: Housing Authority of the City of Alameda v. Johnson, Alameda County Superior Court No. RG18-933615

4.B. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)  
Conference with Legal counsel re existing litigation: Housing Authority of the City of Alameda v. Camanag, Alameda County Superior Court No. RG21109420

5. Adjournment of Closed Session

N/A



6. CONSENT CALENDER

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be approved or accepted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received from the Board of Directors or a member of the public.

- \*6.A. Approve Minutes of the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation Meeting held on May 18, 2022.
- \*6.B. Accept AAHC’s One Year Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

**Items accepted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk.**

Director Hadid moved to accept the Consent Calendar items, and Director Sidelnikov seconded the motion. This meeting took place via Zoom, so a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Yes	4	Director Tamaoki, Director Hadid, Director Rickard, and Director Sidelnikov
Absent	2	Director Grob and Director Mun

7. AGENDA

- 7.A. Adopt Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2021, and Making Findings Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Directors Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions, as amended by Assembly Bill No. 361.

Director Sidelnikov moved to adopt the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2021, and Making Findings Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Directors Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions, as amended by Assembly Bill No. 361, and Director Hadid seconded the motion. This meeting took place via Zoom, so a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Yes	4	Director Tamaoki, Director Hadid, Director Rickard, and Director Sidelnikov
Absent	2	Director Grob and Director Mun

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, Non-Agenda (Public Comment)

None.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

None.



10. DIRECTORS COMMUNICATIONS, (Communications from the Directors)

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Director Tamaoki adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Vanessa M. Cooper  
Secretary and Executive Director

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Kenji Tamaoki, Acting President  
Board of Directors





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**DRAFT MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ROLL CALL - Board of Directors

Chair Tamaoki called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

Present: Director Tamaoki, Director Hadid,  
Director Husby, Director Joseph-Brown  
Director Kaufman, and Director Sidelnikov

Absent: Director Grob

2. DIRECTOR RECUSALS

Director Hadid abstained from voting on item 4.A.

3. Public Comment (Non-Agenda)

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDER

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be approved or accepted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received from the Board of Directors or a member of the public.

4.A. Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held June 15, 2022.

\*4.B. Approval to Write-off of Uncollectible Accounts Receivable from Former Tenants.

\*4.C. Accept a Review of the AAHC Conflict of Interest Policy.

\*4.D. Accept Quarterly Report on Construction in Progress.

\*4.E. Adopt the 2022-23 Alameda Affordable Housing Trust Fund Guidelines.

\*4.F. Approve and authorize the Executive Director/President or Designee to take all necessary actions to recast the existing North Housing predevelopment loan and other loan commitments between the Housing Authority and Island City Development



as a grant from the Housing Authority to Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation for business needs.

**Items accepted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk.**

Due to his absence of the June 15, 2022 Regular Board of Directors Meeting, Director Hadid abstained from voting on item 4.A. Due to the lack of a quorum, Vanessa Cooper, Executive Director pulled item 4.A. Ms. Cooper will request Legal Counsel’s guidance on establishing a quorum for the approval of this item.

In response to the Board, Stephanie Shipe, Director of Portfolio Management stated that the Memo for item 4.B is presented to the Board once or twice per year, depending on the need. Write-offs are presented to the Board, after staff receives no response to at least two security deposition and/or forfeiture notices have been sent to the respective tenants. The Write-Off balances reflected in the Memo are an accumulation of outstanding balances of former residents

Director Sidelnikov moved to accept Consent Calendar items 4.B through 4.F and Commissioner Husby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Yes	6	Director Tamaoki, Director Hadid, Director Husby, Director Joseph-Brown Director Kaufman, and Director Sidelnikov
Absent	1	Director Grob

5. AGENDA

5.A. Adopt Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2021, and Making Findings Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Directors Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions, as amended by Assembly Bill No. 361.

Commissioner Hadid moved to adopt the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2021, and Making Findings Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Directors Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions, as amended by Assembly Bill No. 361 and Commissioner Kaufman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Yes	6	Director Tamaoki, Director Hadid, Director Husby, Director Joseph-Brown Director Kaufman, and Director Sidelnikov
Absent	1	Director Grob

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, Non-Agenda (Public Comment)



None

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8. DIRECTORS COMMUNICATIONS, (Communications from the Directors)

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Director Tamaoki adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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Vanessa M. Cooper  
Secretary and Executive Director

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Kenji Tamaoki, Acting President  
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To: Board of Directors

From: Joseph Nagel, Construction Project Manager

Prepared By: Joseph Nagel, Construction Project Manager

Date: October 19, 2022

Re: Accept Monthly Report on Construction in Progress.  
4.B.

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## **BACKGROUND**

There were a number of costs and planned portfolio projects described in the Reserve Policy and other approvals from the May 2022 Board of Commissioner meeting. Because of the large number of items currently underway, staff will provide a periodic update on Construction In Progress (CIP) activities.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. Independence Plaza-**

The Board approved up to \$1,850,000 in funds to complete the Independence Plaza balcony and guardrail repairs are awaiting final approval of the permits from the building department. Permit applications were submitted electronically to the building department on June 16, 2022 for all five (5) buildings (703, 705, 707, 709, 711) and four (4) have been approved and received. Balcony repair work has begun and as of October 5th, repairs have been completed on 11 of 53 balconies.

Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation (AAHC) was notified that one of the buildings, building 707, is located within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Due to this building being located within the FEMA SFHA there would be additional documents required (detailed construction cost estimates, and an appraisal of the existing structure). This information has been submitted. The building department has also requested additional information and detailed plans for this repair. AAHC has contracted with Peoples Associates Structural Engineers, the same firm that provided the structural peer review, to provide any needed additional documentation required by the city building department and assist in expediting the permit process.



**2. 701 Office/Maintenance Garage Conversion**

- a. Architect RFQ-The RFQ for a design architect was issued on September 19th, 2022. Final RFQ responses are due on November 14th, 2022.
- b. GC RFP- The RFP for a General Contractor is being drafted. We expect that this RFP will be issued by December 1st, 2022.

**3. Tilden Commons – Security & Readiness for AHA Maintenance**

At the recently acquired AUSD property at 2615 Eagle Ave., smoke detectors, security alarms and cameras have been installed to properly secure the property. AAHC is currently working with the security system vendor to provide replacement smoke detectors. The smoke detectors originally installed were defective and caused false alarms. We expect the replacements to be delivered and installed by November 2022 as the vendor is facing supply chain issues. When the replacement smoke detectors are installed and operational, the maintenance staff is expected to move in. The existing access driveway on the west side of the property has been replaced. The existing driveway presented a tripping/safety hazard due to tree roots breaking and lifting the concrete.

**4. Physical Needs Assessments**

AAHC has contracted with the consulting firm PPA (Physical Property Analysis LLC) to conduct PNA's (Physical Needs Assessments) on the portfolio of properties. All of the assessments have been completed and we expect to receive the reports by the end of October.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Board has approved these costs from the Construction in Progress section of the 2022 Reserves Policy (May 2022 BOC).

**CEQA**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept Monthly Report on Construction in Progress.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Nagel, Construction Project Manager





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To: Board of Directors

From: Stephanie Shipe, Director of Portfolio Management

Prepared By: Stephanie Shipe, Director of Portfolio Management

Date: October 19, 2022

Re: Authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and execute a 3-year contract with a third party property manager in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for third party management for the following properties: All AHHC owned properties.  
4.C.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda (AHA) has contracted for third party management for some of their properties since 2018. This includes all properties owned and managed by Island City Development and additional AHA/AAHC properties were added over time. In 2020, AHA signed a three-year contract with the John Stewart Company (JSCO) to manage most of our existing portfolio of properties totaling 242 units. The remaining 2 properties, Anne B Diament and Independence Plaza are expected to transition to third party management on July 1, 2023 to align with the agency's fiscal year start and transfer will occur no later than December 31, 2023. The selected provider will also provide services for the upcoming new projects in the development pipeline.

JSCO will not be continuing third party property management services beyond December 31, 2022. In response, AHA posted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for third-party property management services with the assistance of Jack Geary, an independent consultant, in August 2022 and solicited a response from a wide range of qualified parties. Staff conducted a bidders' conference, interviews, and a review of submissions and AHA is conducting final discussion with two finalists. The two finalists are FPI Management ([www.fpimgt.com](http://www.fpimgt.com)) and WSH ([www.wshmgmt.com](http://www.wshmgmt.com)).

FPI is a national property management company with headquarters in Folsom, CA. FPI has over 50 years of experience and is currently operating in 17 states with a significant presence in California, including in Alameda and the East Bay. FPI manages 1,080 properties totaling 132,000 units and has 3,500 employees. FPI currently manages only one property in Alameda (Playa Del Alameda) but 13 more (totaling over 1,200 units) in Oakland, including



affordable properties (Miley Gardens and Mark Twain). FPI also manages properties in Berkeley, San Francisco and the broader Bay Area. FPI’s management portfolio includes considerable affordable housing, including Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and subsidized housing, along with a large market-rate portfolio.

WSH (formerly Western Seniors Housing) is a Southern California-based company with headquarters in Irvine. WSH has been in business for 22 years and has 68 properties under management, totaling 5,084 units. WSH manages 35 low-income properties, including 3,100 LIHTC units and 1,500 HUD units, as well as market rate units and 21 properties owned by the City of Los Angeles Housing Authority. WSH manages 5 properties (445 units) in the broader Bay Area, including tax credit properties in Hayward, Oakland (2 properties), Milpitas, and Gilroy.

Both parties have experience with permanent supportive housing as needed for the upcoming North Housing I and II properties.

This decision is coming to the Board now as a transition period will be needed for staffing up and for coordinating the transition with JSCO. Staff is requesting authorization to negotiate with either party in the case that agreement cannot be found with the first ranked party.

**DISCUSSION**

AHA is requesting Board authorization to contract with the chosen finalist to provide third-party property management services for the following properties according to the timeline listed below:

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b># units</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Estimated lease up start or take over date</b>
<u>Anne B Diamant Plaza</u>	920 Park Street	65	AAHC	Existing	On or before 01/01/24
<u>China Clipper Plaza</u>	460 Buena Vista Avenue	26	AAHC	Existing	On or before 01/01/23
<u>Eagle Village</u>	721 Eagle Avenue	36	AAHC	Existing	On or before 01/01/23
<u>Esperanza</u>	1903 Third Street	120	AAHC	Existing	On or before 01/01/23
<u>Independence Plaza</u>	703 Atlantic Avenue	186	AAHC	Existing	On or before 01/01/24
<u>Parrot Gardens</u>	1845 Bay Street	7	AHA	Existing	On or before 01/01/23
<u>Parrot Village</u>	1850 Wood Street	50	AAHC	Existing	On or before 01/01/23
<u>Littlejohn Commons</u>	1301 Buena Vista	31	ICD	Existing	On or before



	Avenue				01/01/23
<u>Everett Commons</u>	2437 Eagle Avenue	20	ICD	Existing	On or before 01/01/23
<u>Scattered Sites</u>	<i>Various sites in Alameda</i>	52	AHA/AAHC	Existing	On or before 01/01/23
<u>Rosefield Village</u>	727 Buena Vista Avenue	92	ICD	Existing	On or before 01/01/23
<b><u>PIPELINE PROJECTS</u></b>					
Hawthorn Hotel Conversion	1628 Webster Street	50	TBD	Adaptive Reuse	6/1/2023
North Housing PSH 1	501 Mosley Avenue	45	TBD	New Construction	3/1/2025
North Housing PSH 2	501 Mosley Avenue	46	ICD	New Construction	12/1/2025
North Housing Senior	501 Mosley Avenue	64	ICD	New Construction	9/1/2025
Tilden Commons	2615 Eagle Avenue	40-50	ICD	New Construction	9/1/2025

The total contract amount for all properties (AHA, AAHC, and ICD) is not expected to exceed \$2,000,000 for the initial 3-year term. The Executive Director will execute separate contracts, where necessary for certain properties, but still within this total \$2,000,000 limit. The agreement will begin January 1, 2023 and run to December 31, 2025. This initial three (3) year term is renewable for up to two (2) years in one (1) year terms.

The price structure is expected to be no higher than as follows:

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Total Annual Estimated Cost</b>	\$ 580,310	\$ 609,326	\$ 639,792	\$ 671,781	\$ 705,370
		<b>3 YEAR</b>	<b>\$1,826,427</b>	<b>5 YEAR</b>	<b>\$3,206,579</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The fee structure is within budget and funds for these services will come from rental income from the properties they serve. It is important to note that although AHA is approving this master agreement, some of the services will be paid for by property budgets owned by AAHC and ICD. A similar memo is included in the budget for each legal entity.

**CEQA**



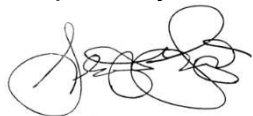
**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and execute a total 3-year contract with a third party property manager in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for third party management for the following properties: All AAHC owned properties.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Shipe, Director of Portfolio Management



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To: Board of Directors

From: Tony Weng, Senior Project Manager

Prepared By: Tony Weng, Senior Project Manager

Date: October 19, 2022

Re: Adopt the Authorizing Resolution related to the Alameda Affordable Housing Trust Fund Administered by the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation.  
5.A.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) Program is funded by the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 (Proposition 1) and administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The purpose of the LHTF Program is to provide matching funds to local and regional housing trust funds dedicated to the creation, rehabilitation, or preservation of affordable housing, transitional housing, and emergency shelters.

In August 2021, Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation (AAHC), an affiliate of the Housing Authority, responded to a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) from the LHTF Program through a competitive process; and AAHC received an LHTF award of \$2.5 million in December 2021. Amongst the other requirements, a local housing trust fund exist, or be created, by a city, 501c3 nonprofit corporation, or a group of cities. There must be a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application and the receipt of grant funds from the LHTF Program.

## **DISCUSSION**

On September 15, 2022, the California Department of Housing and Community Development provided comments and requested updates to the Authorizing Resolution that was included with our funding application package so that we may proceed with the Standard Agreement between HCD and AAHC. Staff incorporated the comments received from HCD and provided the revised Authorizing Resolution with this Board memo for the Board's review and approval.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**



There is no financial impact to the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation from approving the revised Authorizing Resolution related to the Alameda Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

**CEQA**

Not Applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the Authorizing Resolution related to the Alameda Affordable Housing Trust Fund Administered by the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Revised Authorizing Resolution re AAHC LHTF

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Weng, Senior Project Manager





ALAMEDA AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION

*Authorizing Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_*

All, or A necessary quorum and majority of the Directors of the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation (“Applicant”) hereby consents to, adopts, and ratifies the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) is authorized to provide up to \$57 million under the Local Housing Trust Fund (“LHTF”) Program from the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 (Proposition 1) (as described in Health and Safety Code section 50842.2 et seq. (Chapter 365, Statutes of 2017 (SB 3)) (“Program”);

WHEREAS the State of California (the “State”), the Department issued a Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) dated 5/3/2021 under the LHTF Program;

WHEREAS Applicant is an eligible Local or Regional Housing Trust Fund applying to the Program to administer one or more eligible activities using Program Funds;

WHEREAS the Department may approve funding allocations for the LHTF Program, subject to the terms and conditions of H&S Code Section 50842.2, the LHTF Program Guidelines, NOFA, Program requirements, the Standard Agreement and other related contracts between the Department and LHTF award recipients;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. If Applicant receives an award of LHTF funds from the Department pursuant to the above referenced LHTF NOFA, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds on Eligible Projects in a manner consistent and in compliance with all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and laws, including, without limitation, all rules and laws regarding the LHTF Program, as well as any and all contracts Applicant may have with the Department (“Eligible Project”).
2. That the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation is hereby authorized to act as the trustee/manager in connection with the Department’s funds to Eligible Projects pursuant to the above described Notice of Funding Availability in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 (the “LHTF Award”).

3. Applicant hereby agrees to match on a dollar-for-dollar basis the LHTF Award pursuant to Guidelines Section 104. Applicant hereby agrees to utilize matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis for the same Eligible Project for which Program Funds are used, as required by HSC Section 50843.5(c).
4. Pursuant to Attachment 1 and the Applicant's certification in this resolution, the LHTF funds will be expended only for Eligible Projects and consistent with all program requirements.
5. Nonprofit Housing Trust Funds and Native American Tribe Housing Trust Funds agree to use Program Funds only for Eligible Projects located in cities and counties that submitted an adopted Housing Element that was found by the Department to be in compliance and that have submitted their Housing Element Annual Progress Report (APR) for the current year or prior year by the application due date.
6. Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement, H&S Section 50842.2 and LHTF Program Guidelines.
7. Vanessa Cooper, Secretary is authorized to execute the LHTF Program Application, the LHTF Standard Agreement and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, as well as any other documents which are related to the Program or the LHTF Award to Applicant, as the Department may deem appropriate.

**[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation's Board of Directors this 19 day of October, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_ ABSTENTIONS: \_\_\_\_ NOES: \_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_

Approving Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Approving Officer  
Carly Grob, President

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned, Kenji Tamaoki does hereby attest and certify that the attached Resolution is a true, full, and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation, which was duly convened and held on the date state thereon, and that said document has not been amended, modified, repealed, or rescinded since its date of adoption and is in full force and effect as the date hereof.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenji Tamaoki  
Vice President

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENT 1 – Funding Summary

The Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation's (AAHC) Alameda Affordable Housing Trust Fund funds and awarded Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) funds will be committed between two proposed projects by Island City Development (ICD): North Housing Permanent Supportive (PSH) Phase I and PSH Phase II. The LHTF Funds and the Matching Funds will be split (50/50) between both projects. Both projects are in Alameda, California and will serve households earning up to 60% of the Area Median Income, with a minimum of 30% of dollars and units serving very low income (30% AMI) households.



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To: Board of Directors

From: Vanessa Cooper, Executive Director

Prepared By: Vanessa Cooper, Executive Director

Date: October 19, 2022

Re: Adopt Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2021, and Making Findings Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Directors Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions, as amended by Assembly Bill No. 361.  
5.B.

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## **BACKGROUND**

On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 which allowed for relaxed provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) that allowed legislative bodies to conduct meetings through teleconferencing without having to meet the strict compliance of the Brown Act. All provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 concerning the conduct of public meetings via teleconferencing expired on September 30, 2021.

## **DISCUSSION**

Assembly Bill 361(Chapter 165,Statutes of 2021) (AB 361) was signed into law by the Governor on September 16, 2021, and went into effect immediately. It amends the Brown Act to allow local legislative bodies to continue using teleconferencing and virtual meeting technology after the September 30, 2021 expiration of the current Brown Act exemptions as long as there is a "proclaimed state of emergency" by the Governor. This allowance also depends on state or local officials imposing or recommending measures that promote social distancing or a legislative body finding that meeting in person would present an imminent safety risk to attendees. Though adopted in the context of the pandemic, AB 361 will allow for virtual meetings during other proclaimed emergencies, such as earthquakes or wildfires, where physical attendance may present a risk. AB 361 will sunset on January 1, 2024.

AB 361 requires the following to continue to conduct teleconferenced meetings:



1. Notice of the meeting must still be given in compliance with the Brown Act, and the notice must include the means by which the public may access the meeting and provide public comment remotely.
2. The public must be provided access to the meeting via a call-in option or internet-based service option and allowed to “address the legislative body directly.” The Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation does not have to provide an in-person option for the public to attend the meeting.
3. The meeting must be conducted “in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body.”
4. If there is a disruption to the meeting broadcast or in the ability to take call-in or internet-based public comment, no further action can be taken on agenda items until the issue is resolved, even if this means stopping the meeting at that point and continuing all remaining items.
5. The Board of Directors cannot require comments to be submitted before the start of the meeting. The public must be allowed to make “real time” public comment.
6. Reasonable time for public comment must be provided. If the Board provides a timed public comment period, the public comment period must be left open until the time expires.
7. All votes must be taken by roll call.
8. The Board of Directors must approve a resolution making findings by majority vote within 30 days of the first teleconferenced meeting under AB 361 and every 30 days thereafter to continue to conduct teleconference meetings under AB 361. The body must find it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and either 1) the emergency continues to impact the ability to meet safely in person, or 2) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend social distancing.

In light of AB 361, the continuing COVID-19 State of Emergency declared by the Governor, the continuing Local Emergency declared by the City of Alameda, the continuing recommendations by the County of Alameda Health Officer of social distancing as a mechanism for preventing the spread of COVID-19, and the continued threats to health and safety posed by indoor public meetings, staff recommends the Board of Directors adopt the proposed Resolution making the findings required to initially invoke AB 361.

The procedures currently set up for Board of Directors' meetings, which provide public attendance and comment through a call-in or internet-based service option, satisfy the requirements of AB 361. The Executive Director, or designee, will work with the Board to ensure that meeting procedures for all teleconferenced meetings comply with AB 361. Continued reliance will require the Board of Directors to adopt a new resolution making required findings every 30 days.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

### **CEQA**

N/A

### **RECOMMENDATION**



Adopt Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2021, and Making Findings Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Directors Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions, as amended by Assembly Bill No. 361.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 2022-010- AB 361 (10.19.22)
2. AB 361.pdf 2021

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Cooper, Executive Director



ALAMEDA AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION

*Resolution No. 2022-010*

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALAMEDA AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON MARCH 4, 2021, AND MAKING FINDINGS AUTHORIZING CONTINUED REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS, AS AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 361

WHEREAS, the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation ("AAHC") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the AAHC's Board of Directors 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 watch the AAHC's Board of Directors 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

WHEREAS, a required condition 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; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist within the jurisdiction of the AAHC which includes the City of Alameda, specifically, on March 17, 2020 the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic the California Department of Health and the Health Officer of the County of Alameda continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing. Additionally, On March 17, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council of the City of Alameda, declared a local emergency as set forth in Ordinance No. 3267; and



WHEREAS, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused, and will continue to cause, imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees meeting in person for a Board of Directors' meeting, and the COVID-19 pandemic has caused conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the jurisdiction of the AAHC that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the AAHC, and desires to ratify the proclamation of a local emergency by the City of Alameda, ratify the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California and ratify the California Department of Health and the Health Officer of the County of Alameda's recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency and state of emergency the Board of Directors does hereby find that the Board of Directors of the AAHC shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that the Board of Directors shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Government Code section 54953; and

WHEREAS, when holding teleconferenced meetings under abbreviated teleconferencing procedures permitted under the Brown Act, the AAHC will ensure access for the public by complying with all requirements set forth in Government Code section 54953(e), including, but not limited to, giving notice of the meeting and posting agendas, to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the legislative body, to give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment, including an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option, and to conduct the meeting in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALAMEDA AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Reconsideration. The Board hereby reconsiders the circumstances of the state of emergency.

Section 3. Ratification of the City of Alameda's Proclamation of a Local Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the City of Alameda's proclamation of a Local Emergency as set forth in Ordinance No. 3267 adopted on March 17, 2020.

Section 4. Ratification of the California Department of Health and the Health Officer of the County of Alameda's recommended measures to promote social distancing. The Board hereby finds that state and local officials continue to recommend measures to

promote social distancing. The Board further hereby ratifies the California Department of Health and the Health Officer of the County of Alameda's recommended measures to promote social distancing and finds that, as a result of the state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees.

Section 5. Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020, and hereby finds that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Board of Directors and members of the public to meet safely in person.

Section 6. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The AAHC's Executive Director, and designee, and the Board of Directors are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, continued teleconferencing and conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 7. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) 30 days from the adoption of this Resolution, or, (ii) such time as the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Board of Directors of the AAHC may continue to teleconference without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation this 19th day of October, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Vanessa M. Cooper, Secretary  
Board of Directors

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Carly Grob, President  
Board of Directors

Adopted: October 19, 2022

## Assembly Bill No. 361

### CHAPTER 165

An act to add and repeal Section 89305.6 of the Education Code, and to amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of, and to add and repeal Section 11133 of, the Government Code, relating to open meetings, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[Approved by Governor September 16, 2021. Filed with  
Secretary of State September 16, 2021.]

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 361, Robert Rivas. Open meetings: state and local agencies: teleconferences.

(1) Existing law, the Ralph M. Brown Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency, as those terms are defined, be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. The act contains specified provisions regarding the timelines for posting an agenda and providing for the ability of the public to directly address the legislative body on any item of interest to the public. The act generally requires all regular and special meetings of the legislative body be held within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, subject to certain exceptions. The act allows for meetings to occur via teleconferencing subject to certain requirements, particularly that the legislative body notice each teleconference location of each member that will be participating in the public meeting, that each teleconference location be accessible to the public, that members of the public be allowed to address the legislative body at each teleconference location, that the legislative body post an agenda at each teleconference location, and that at least a quorum of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the local agency's jurisdiction. The act provides an exemption to the jurisdictional requirement for health authorities, as defined. The act authorizes the district attorney or any interested person, subject to certain provisions, to commence an action by mandamus or injunction for the purpose of obtaining a judicial determination that specified actions taken by a legislative body are null and void.

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, authorizes the Governor, or the Director of Emergency Services when the governor is inaccessible, to proclaim a state of emergency under specified circumstances.

Executive Order No. N-29-20 suspends the Ralph M. Brown Act's requirements for teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic provided that notice and accessibility requirements are met, the public members are allowed to observe and address the legislative body at the meeting, and that a legislative body of a local agency has a procedure for receiving and swiftly

resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, as specified.

This bill, until January 1, 2024, would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency, as that term is defined, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, during a proclaimed state of emergency held for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and during a proclaimed state of emergency when the legislative body has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, as provided.

This bill would require legislative bodies that hold teleconferenced meetings under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures to give notice of the meeting and post agendas, as described, to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the legislative body, to give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment, including an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option, and to conduct the meeting in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body. The bill would require the legislative body to take no further action on agenda items when there is a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments, until public access is restored. The bill would specify that actions taken during the disruption are subject to challenge proceedings, as specified.

This bill would prohibit the legislative body from requiring public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and would specify that the legislative body must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time. The bill would prohibit the legislative body from closing the public comment period and the opportunity to register to provide public comment, until the public comment period has elapsed or until a reasonable amount of time has elapsed, as specified. When there is a continuing state of emergency, or when state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, the bill would require a legislative body to make specified findings not later than 30 days after the first teleconferenced meeting pursuant to these provisions, and to make those findings every 30 days thereafter, in order to continue to meet under these abbreviated teleconferencing procedures.

Existing law prohibits a legislative body from requiring, as a condition to attend a meeting, a person to register the person's name, or to provide other information, or to fulfill any condition precedent to the person's attendance.

This bill would exclude from that prohibition, a registration requirement imposed by a third-party internet website or other online platform not under the control of the legislative body.

(2) Existing law, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a state body be open and public and all persons be permitted to attend any meeting of a state body. The act requires at least one member of the state body to be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

The Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20 suspends the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act for teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic, provided that notice and accessibility requirements are met, the public members are allowed to observe and address the state body at the meeting, and that a state body has a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, as specified.

This bill, until January 31, 2022, would authorize, subject to specified notice and accessibility requirements, a state body to hold public meetings through teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the state body. With respect to a state body holding a public meeting pursuant to these provisions, the bill would suspend certain requirements of existing law, including the requirements that each teleconference location be accessible to the public and that members of the public be able to address the state body at each teleconference location. Under the bill, a state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically would satisfy any requirement that the state body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. The bill would require that each state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing provide notice of the meeting, and post the agenda, as provided. The bill would urge state bodies utilizing these teleconferencing procedures in the bill to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to existing law, as provided.

(3) Existing law establishes the various campuses of the California State University under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and authorizes the establishment of student body organizations in connection with the operations of California State University campuses.

The Gloria Romero Open Meetings Act of 2000 generally requires a legislative body, as defined, of a student body organization to conduct its business in a meeting that is open and public. The act authorizes the legislative body to use teleconferencing, as defined, for the benefit of the public and the legislative body in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law.

This bill, until January 31, 2022, would authorize, subject to specified notice and accessibility requirements, a legislative body, as defined for purposes of the act, to hold public meetings through teleconferencing and

to make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the legislative body. With respect to a legislative body holding a public meeting pursuant to these provisions, the bill would suspend certain requirements of existing law, including the requirements that each teleconference location be accessible to the public and that members of the public be able to address the legislative body at each teleconference location. Under the bill, a legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically would satisfy any requirement that the legislative body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. The bill would require that each legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing provide notice of the meeting, and post the agenda, as provided. The bill would urge legislative bodies utilizing these teleconferencing procedures in the bill to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to existing law, as provided.

(4) This bill would declare the Legislature's intent, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, to improve and enhance public access to state and local agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and future emergencies by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options.

(5) This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 54953 of the Government Code proposed by AB 339 to be operative only if this bill and AB 339 are enacted and this bill is enacted last.

(6) The California Constitution requires local agencies, for the purpose of ensuring public access to the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies, to comply with a statutory enactment that amends or enacts laws relating to public records or open meetings and contains findings demonstrating that the enactment furthers the constitutional requirements relating to this purpose.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

(7) Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

(8) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 89305.6 is added to the Education Code, to read:  
89305.6. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, and subject to the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), a legislative body may hold public meetings through teleconferencing

and make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the legislative body.

(b) (1) For a legislative body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all requirements in this article requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the legislative body, or the public, as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting, are hereby suspended.

(2) For a legislative body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all of the following requirements in this article are suspended:

(A) Each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting or proceeding be identified in the notice and agenda of the public meeting or proceeding.

(B) Each teleconference location be accessible to the public.

(C) Members of the public may address the legislative body at each teleconference conference location.

(D) Post agendas at all teleconference locations.

(E) At least one member of the legislative body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

(c) A legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, consistent with the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), shall have satisfied any requirement that the legislative body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. A legislative body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.

(d) If a legislative body holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, the legislative body shall also do both of the following:

(1) Implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility.

(2) Advertise that procedure each time notice is given of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment, pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (e).

(e) Except to the extent this section provides otherwise, each legislative body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section shall do both of the following:

(1) Give advance notice of the time of, and post the agenda for, each public meeting according to the timeframes otherwise prescribed by this article, and using the means otherwise prescribed by this article, as applicable.

(2) In each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. As to any instance in which there is a change in the means of public observation and comment, or any instance prior to the effective date of this section in which the time of the meeting has been noticed or the agenda for the meeting has been posted without also including notice of the means of public observation and comment, a legislative body may satisfy this requirement by advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time. Advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time shall include, but need not be limited to, posting such means on the legislative body's internet website.

(f) All legislative bodies utilizing the teleconferencing procedures in this section are urged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the otherwise applicable provisions of this article, in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to legislative body meetings.

(g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 31, 2022, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 11133 is added to the Government Code, to read:

11133. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, and subject to the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), a state body may hold public meetings through teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the state body.

(b) (1) For a state body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all requirements in this article requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the state body, or the public, as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting, are hereby suspended.

(2) For a state body holding a public meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section, all of the following requirements in this article are suspended:

(A) Each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting or proceeding be identified in the notice and agenda of the public meeting or proceeding.

(B) Each teleconference location be accessible to the public.

(C) Members of the public may address the state body at each teleconference conference location.

(D) Post agendas at all teleconference locations.

(E) At least one member of the state body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

(c) A state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically



or otherwise electronically, consistent with the notice and accessibility requirements in subdivisions (d) and (e), shall have satisfied any requirement that the state body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. A state body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.

(d) If a state body holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, the state body shall also do both of the following:

(1) Implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility.

(2) Advertise that procedure each time notice is given of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment, pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (e).

(e) Except to the extent this section provides otherwise, each state body that holds a meeting through teleconferencing pursuant to this section shall do both of the following:

(1) Give advance notice of the time of, and post the agenda for, each public meeting according to the timeframes otherwise prescribed by this article, and using the means otherwise prescribed by this article, as applicable.

(2) In each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. As to any instance in which there is a change in the means of public observation and comment, or any instance prior to the effective date of this section in which the time of the meeting has been noticed or the agenda for the meeting has been posted without also including notice of the means of public observation and comment, a state body may satisfy this requirement by advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time. Advertising the means of public observation and comment using the most rapid means of communication available at the time shall include, but need not be limited to, posting such means on the state body's internet website.

(f) All state bodies utilizing the teleconferencing procedures in this section are urged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the otherwise applicable provisions of this article, in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to state body meetings.

(g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 31, 2022, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 3. Section 54953 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54953. (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all otherwise applicable requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.

(2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in subdivisions (d) and (e). The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location.

(4) For the purposes of this section, “teleconference” means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.

(c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.

(2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect the public’s right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a teleconference meeting, members who are outside the jurisdiction of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.

(2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.

(3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.

(e) (1) A local agency may use teleconferencing without complying with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) if the legislative body complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subdivision in any of the following circumstances:

(A) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

(B) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(C) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, pursuant to subparagraph (B), that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(2) A legislative body that holds a meeting pursuant to this subdivision shall do all of the following:

(A) The legislative body shall give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required by this chapter.

(B) The legislative body shall allow members of the public to access the meeting and the agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3.

In each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body shall also give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment. The agenda shall identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.

(C) The legislative body shall conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency.

(D) In the event of a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(E) The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.

(F) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the local legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(G) (i) A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (F), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) A legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

(3) If a state of emergency remains active, or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, in order to continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the legislative body shall, not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1), and every 30 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:

(A) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.

(B) Any of the following circumstances exist:

(i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

(ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

(4) For the purposes of this subdivision, “state of emergency” means a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Article 1 (commencing with Section 8550) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2).

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2024, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 3.1. Section 54953 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54953. (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency in person, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Local agencies shall conduct meetings subject to this chapter consistent with applicable state and federal civil rights laws, including, but not limited to, any applicable language access and other nondiscrimination obligations.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all otherwise applicable requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.

(2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body

shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in subdivisions (d) and (e). The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location.

(4) For the purposes of this section, “teleconference” means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.

(c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.

(2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect the public’s right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a teleconference meeting, members who are outside the jurisdiction of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.

(2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.

(3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter

2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.

(e) (1) A local agency may use teleconferencing without complying with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) if the legislative body complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subdivision in any of the following circumstances:

(A) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

(B) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(C) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, pursuant to subparagraph (B), that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(2) A legislative body that holds a meeting pursuant to this subdivision shall do all of the following:

(A) The legislative body shall give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required by this chapter.

(B) The legislative body shall allow members of the public to access the meeting and the agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3. In each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body shall also give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment. The agenda shall identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.

(C) The legislative body shall conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency.

(D) In the event of a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(E) The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an opportunity for

the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.

(F) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the local legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(G) (i) A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (F), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) A legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

(3) If a state of emergency remains active, or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, in order to continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the legislative body shall, not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1), and every 30 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:

(A) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.

(B) Any of the following circumstances exist:

(i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

(ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

(4) For the purposes of this subdivision, “state of emergency” means a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Article 1 (commencing with Section 8550) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2).

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2024, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 4. Section 54953 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953. (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting



of the legislative body of a local agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.

(2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in subdivision (d). The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location.

(4) For the purposes of this section, “teleconference” means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from providing the public with additional teleconference locations

(c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.

(2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect the public’s right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a teleconference meeting,

members who are outside the jurisdiction of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.

(2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.

(3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.

(e) This section shall become operative January 1, 2024.

SEC. 4.1. Section 54953 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54953. (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, in person except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Local agencies shall conduct meetings subject to this chapter consistent with applicable state and federal civil rights laws, including, but not limited to, any applicable language access and other nondiscrimination obligations.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.

(2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the

legislative body of a local agency. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in subdivision (d). The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference location.

(4) For the purposes of this section, “teleconference” means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.

(c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.

(2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect the public’s right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a teleconference meeting, members who are outside the jurisdiction of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.

(2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other requirements of this section.

(3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint

powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members.

(e) This section shall become operative January 1, 2024.

SEC. 5. Sections 3.1 and 4.1 of this bill incorporate amendments to Section 54953 of the Government Code proposed by both this bill and Assembly Bill 339. Those sections of this bill shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2022, but this bill becomes operative first, (2) each bill amends Section 54953 of the Government Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after Assembly Bill 339, in which case Section 54953 of the Government Code, as amended by Sections 3 and 4 of this bill, shall remain operative only until the operative date of Assembly Bill 339, at which time Sections 3.1 and 4.1 of this bill shall become operative.

SEC. 6. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act to improve and enhance public access to state and local agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and future applicable emergencies, by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options consistent with the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, permitting expanded use of teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SEC. 7. The Legislature finds and declares that Sections 3 and 4 of this act, which amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of the Government Code, further, within the meaning of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the purposes of that constitutional section as it relates to the right of public access to the meetings of local public bodies or the writings of local public officials and local agencies. Pursuant to paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the Legislature makes the following findings:

This act is necessary to ensure minimum standards for public participation and notice requirements allowing for greater public participation in teleconference meetings during applicable emergencies.

SEC. 8. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that during the COVID-19 public health emergency, certain requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code) were suspended by Executive Order N-29-20. Audio and video teleconference were widely used to conduct public meetings in lieu of physical location meetings, and public meetings conducted by teleconference during the COVID-19 public health emergency have been productive, have increased public participation by all members of the public regardless of their location in the state and ability to travel to physical meeting locations, have protected the health and safety of civil servants and the public, and have reduced travel costs incurred by members of state bodies and reduced work hours spent traveling to and from meetings.

(b) The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of this act, which adds and repeals Section 89305.6 of the Education Code, Section 2 of this act, which adds and repeals Section 11133 of the Government Code, and Sections 3 and 4 of this act, which amend, repeal, and add Section 54953 of the Government Code, all increase and potentially limit the public’s right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies within the meaning of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution. Pursuant to that constitutional provision, the Legislature makes the following findings to demonstrate the interest protected by this limitation and the need for protecting that interest:

(1) By removing the requirement that public meetings be conducted at a primary physical location with a quorum of members present, this act protects the health and safety of civil servants and the public and does not preference the experience of members of the public who might be able to attend a meeting in a physical location over members of the public who cannot travel or attend that meeting in a physical location.

(2) By removing the requirement for agendas to be placed at the location of each public official participating in a public meeting remotely, including from the member’s private home or hotel room, this act protects the personal, private information of public officials and their families while preserving the public’s right to access information concerning the conduct of the people’s business.

SEC. 9. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to ensure that state and local agencies can continue holding public meetings while providing essential services like water, power, and fire protection to their constituents during public health, wildfire, or other states of emergencies, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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