



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY **REDISTRICTING 2021**

## COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Honorable Commissioners

**FROM:** Holly O. Whatley, Independent Legal Counsel

**DATE:** October 28, 2021

**SUBJECT: Resolution Reauthorizing Hybrid or Fully Teleconferenced Meetings of the Commission For a 30-Day Period**

### **SUMMARY**

The Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA CRC) will consider reauthorizing the use of hybrid and fully teleconferenced meetings for a 30-day period consistent with AB 361.

### **DISCUSSION**

On September 29, 2021, the Commission approved Resolution No. 2021-01 authorized hybrid and fully remote meetings consistent with Assembly Bill No. 361 (AB 361) which authorizes local governments to continue to organize fully remote and hybrid meetings. The attached resolution contains the necessary findings reauthorizing LA CRC to use hybrid or fully teleconferenced meetings for an additional 30 days. Such findings are based on the original declaration of emergency, the June 11, 2021 State Public Health Officer order and the September 28, 2021, Los Angeles County Health Officer order. The two health orders continue to recommend social distancing measures for the protection of public health and safety.

LA CRC will need to adopt a version of this resolution every 30 days if it desires to maintain fully remote or hybrid meetings.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

**Exh. A:** Draft Resolution



# EXHIBIT A

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

REAUTHORIZING HYBRID OR FULLY TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS OF THE  
COMMISSION FOR A 30-DAY PERIOD

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, all meetings of the Commission's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Commission conduct its 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; and

**WHEREAS**, such conditions now exist in the County, specifically, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, the State Public Health Officer ordered all individuals to follow the state guidance on face coverings and its website recommends physical distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2021, the Los Angeles County Health Officer ordered all individuals to follow the local guidance on face coverings and its website recommends physical distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 29, 2021, the Commission approved Resolution No. 2021-01 authorized hybrid and fully remote meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the public will be able to participate remotely through the digital means listed on the meeting agenda and, for hybrid meetings, in person provided applicable masking and social distancing protocols are followed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Commission hereby finds, determines, and orders the following:

1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Commission shall conduct its meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and
3. Hybrid Meetings. Organizing hybrid or fully teleconferenced meetings presents the best compromise between the competing goals of facilitating public meetings under the Brown Act and social distancing under the public health orders; and
4. Delegation of Authority. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.
5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective for 30 days, or such time the Commission adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Commission may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission on October     , 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING: