

1 [ Resolution No. 2022-AL-01 [Resolution Making Findings To Allow Teleconferenced Meetings  
Under California Government Code Section 54953(e)]

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3 **Resolution Making Findings To Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California**  
4 **Government Code Section 54953(e)**

5 WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 54953(e) empowers local policy  
6 bodies to convene by teleconferencing technology during a proclaimed state of  
7 emergency under the State Emergency Services Act so long as certain conditions are  
8 met; and

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10 WHEREAS, In March, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state  
11 of emergency in California in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019  
12 (“COVID-19”) pandemic, and that state of emergency remains in effect; and

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14 WHEREAS, In February 25, 2020, the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco  
15 (the “City”) declared a local emergency, and on March 6, 2020 the City’s Health Officer  
16 declared a local health emergency, and both those declarations also remain in effect; and

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18 WHEREAS, On March 11 and March 23, 2020, the Mayor issued emergency orders  
19 suspending select provisions of local law, including sections of the City Charter, that  
20 restrict teleconferencing by members of policy bodies; those orders remain in effect, so  
21 City law currently allows policy bodies to meet remotely if they comply with restrictions  
22 in State law regarding teleconference meetings; and

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24 WHEREAS, On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that amends  
25 the Brown Act to allow local policy bodies to continue to meet by teleconferencing

1 during a state of emergency without complying with restrictions in State law that would  
2 otherwise apply, provided that the policy bodies make certain findings at least once  
3 every 30 days; and

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5 WHEREAS, While federal, State, and local health officials emphasize the critical  
6 importance of vaccination and consistent mask-wearing to prevent the spread of  
7 COVID-19, the City’s Health Officer has issued at least one order (Health Officer Order  
8 No. C19-07y, available online at [www.sfdph.org/healthorders](http://www.sfdph.org/healthorders)) and one directive (Health  
9 Officer Directive No. 2020-33i, available online at [www.sfdph.org/directives](http://www.sfdph.org/directives)) that  
10 continue to recommend measures to promote physical distancing and other social  
11 distancing measures, such as masking, in certain contexts; and

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13 WHEREAS, The California Department of Industrial Relations Division of  
14 Occupational Safety and Health (“Cal/OSHA”) has promulgated Section 3205 of Title 8  
15 of the California Code of Regulations, which requires most employers in California,  
16 including in the City, to train and instruct employees about measures that can decrease  
17 the spread of COVID-19, including physical distancing and other social distancing  
18 measures; and

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20 WHEREAS, Without limiting any requirements under applicable federal, state, or local  
21 pandemic-related rules, orders, or directives, the City’s Department of Public Health, in  
22 coordination with the City’s Health Officer, has advised that for group gatherings  
23 indoors, such as meetings of boards and commissions, people can increase safety and  
24 greatly reduce risks to the health and safety of attendees from COVID-19 by maximizing  
25 ventilation, wearing well-fitting masks (as required by Health Officer Order No.

1 C19-07), using physical distancing where the vaccination status of attendees is not  
2 known, and considering holding the meeting remotely if feasible, especially for long  
3 meetings, with any attendees with unknown vaccination status and where ventilation  
4 may not be optimal; and

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6 WHEREAS, On July 31, 2020, the Mayor issued an emergency order that, with limited  
7 exceptions, prohibited policy bodies other than the Board of Supervisors and its  
8 committees from meeting in person under any circumstances, so as to ensure the safety  
9 of policy body members, City staff, and the public; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Youth Commission has met remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic  
12 and can continue to do so in a manner that allows public participation and transparency  
13 while minimizing health risks to members, staff, and the public that would be present  
14 with in-person meetings while this emergency continues; now, therefore, be it

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16 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission finds as follows:

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- 18 1. As described above, the State of California and the City remain in a state of  
19 emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this meeting, the Youth  
20 Commission, has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
  - 21 2. As described above, State and City officials continue to recommend measures to  
22 promote physical distancing and other social distancing measures, in some  
23 settings.
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1 3. As described above, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting meetings of  
2 this body and its Executive Committee in person would present imminent risks to  
3 the safety of attendees, and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the  
4 ability of members to meet safely in person; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That for at least the next 30 days meetings of the Youth  
6 Commission and its Executive Committee to occur exclusively by teleconferencing  
7 technology (and not by any in-person meetings or any other meetings with public access  
8 to the places where any policy body member is present for the meeting). Such meetings  
9 of the Youth Commission and its Executive Committee that occur by teleconferencing  
10 technology will provide an opportunity for members of the public to address this body  
11 its Executive Committee and will otherwise occur in a manner that protects the statutory  
12 and constitutional rights of parties and the members of the public attending the meeting  
13 via teleconferencing; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission staff is directed to place a  
15 resolution substantially similar to this resolution on the agenda of a future meeting of the  
16 Youth Commission within the next 30 days. If the Youth Commission does not meet  
17 within the next 30 days, the Youth Commission staff is directed to place such resolution  
18 on the agenda of the next meeting of the Youth Commission.  
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Adrianna Zhang, Chair  
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