

Action Requested: Adopt the following findings to continue authorization of teleconference attendance for members of County committees and commissions pursuant to Government Code section 54953:

1. The Governor of the State of California enacted a Proclamation of Emergency on March 4, 2020, pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act and the same remains active (“Proclamation”).
2. The Board of Supervisors only reconsiders the circumstances of the Proclamation for purposes of authorizing members of Board formed committees and commissions the option to attend meetings via teleconferencing as permitted in GC section 54953(e) without compliance with the posting and public accommodation requirements in GC section 54953(b)(3).
3. The state of emergency articulated in the Proclamation continues to directly impact the ability of members of Board appointed committees and commission to meet safely in person. While the County is able to manage protection of its members and the public in County facilities, most of the committees and commissions meet at non-County facilities where there is no central means to manage social distancing or any other protective measures.
4. In making these findings the Board of Supervisors does not endorse or support the Proclamation or take any position on COVID-19. Rather, the Board wishes to provide the option for virtual attendance to members of Board formed committees and commissions during the time the state of emergency exists.
5. If members of a Board formed committee or commission attend virtually, all votes taken on action items shall be by roll call. The chair of such a committee or commission shall halt the meeting should a disruption in the audio or virtual feed occur until such time as the disruption is resolved.
6. No individual Board member or County staff member may authorize teleconference attendance by members of a Board formed committee or commission absent these findings, which must be renewed every thirty (30) days by the Board, or in absence of the same, independent action by each Board formed committee or commission to adopt and renew said findings.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.