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October 6, 2021

Resolution of the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Concerning Teleconferencing During The COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency

Whereas, the Sonoma County Local Agency Formation Commission (Commissions) is committed to ensuring public access and participation in meetings; and

Whereas, all meetings of the Commission are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov't Code sections 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, without compliance with the requirements 54953(b)(3), under certain conditions; and

Whereas, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625; and the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020, which is still in effect, concerning the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, and the Commission finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

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

Section 2. <u>Meeting via Teleconference</u>. The Commission hereby determines that it shall conduct 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 Commission shall instead comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision (e) of section 54953.

Commissioners:
Ayes: Noes: Absent or not voting:
Whereupon, the Chair declared the foregoing resolution adopted and so ordered.
Attest:
Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer
The within instrument is a true and correct copy of the original on file in this office. ATTEST:
BY:
Clerk

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