

**RESOLUTION NO. .**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION FINDING THAT REMOTE MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF ELIGIBLE SUBSIDIARY BODIES ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WOULD ENHANCE PUBLIC ACCESS AND PROMOTE THE ATTRACTION, RETENTION, AND DIVERSITY OF MEMBERS OF ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORIZING FULLY ONLINE MEETINGS FOR ELIGIBLE SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has established a number of advisory commissions, boards, and committees whose special expertise and focused attention on their respective subject matters have greatly enhanced the decision-making of County agencies, including the Board of Supervisors itself; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of these advisory commissions are overwhelmingly volunteers who generously commit their time, and the legal requirement that the members physically travel from across the County to attend in-person meetings has on occasion resulted in the inability to conduct meetings with the full complement of members, thereby limiting the participation of the membership and denying the public the opportunity to address all of the members at meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, valued members of advisory commissions have at times found it necessary to scale back their participation due to the necessity of in person meetings, even to the point of resigning from service; and

**WHEREAS**, in-person meeting requirements can have a negative impact on the diversity of the membership on advisory committees due to the heavier impact these requirements can have on primary caregivers, hourly workers, the elderly, persons with disabilities, rural residents, and others whose voices are needed in shaping public policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the public has grown familiar with online meeting platforms such as Zoom, which allow members of the public to view meetings on Internet-connected devices and virtually attend them through two-way audio-visual participation, and the option of a teleconference meeting using a two-way audio-visual platform when allowed by law is already something of which County residents are aware; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 3, 2025, the Governor signed SB 707 (Durazo), a Senate Bill that amended the Ralph M. Brown Act a manner that authorizes local agencies to permit remote attendance at meetings of “eligible subsidiary bodies” when doing so would, considering the circumstances of each eligible subsidiary body, enhance public access and promote the attraction, retention and diversity of the members of the eligible subsidiary body members; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the newly added Section 54953.8.6 of the Government Code, an eligible subsidiary body may conduct teleconference meetings pursuant to Section 54953.8, provided that it follows certain requirements and that the legislative body that established the eligible subsidiary body makes certain findings by charter, ordinance, resolution or other formal action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that the advisory boards and commissions listed in Attachment 1 are eligible subsidiary bodies within the meaning of Section 54953.8.6(b)(1) of the Government Code and that, considering the circumstances of each eligible subsidiary body listed in Attachment 1, authorizing remote member attendance would enhance public access to meetings and promote the attraction, retention and diversity of the members of each of these eligible subsidiary bodies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that:

(1) The Board of Supervisors finds that the public has been made aware of remote participation via an Internet connected two-way audio-visual platform and has been provided the opportunity to comment before the Board of Supervisors at an in-person meeting regarding these findings; and

(2) Considering the circumstances of each eligible subsidiary body listed in Attachment 1, teleconference meetings of these eligible subsidiary bodies would enhance public access to meetings; and

(3) The Board of Supervisors finds that teleconference meetings of the eligible subsidiary bodies listed in Attachment 1 would promote the attraction, retention and diversity of the eligible subsidiary body members; and

(4) The advisory commissions of the County of San Mateo listed in Attachment 1 are hereby authorized to conduct, at their option exercised by majority vote of the members of each, teleconference meetings using two-way audio-visual web

conferencing software provided that the public is authorized to access and attend the meeting via the same means as members; and

(5) The County Executive, or designee, is authorized to promulgate uniform rules for the use of teleconference meetings authorized by this Resolution to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, which shall incorporate the provisions of Sections 54953.8 and 54953.8.6.

**Attachment 1 SB 707 (2025)**

1. Agricultural Advisory Committee
2. Arts Commission
3. Behavioral Health Commission
4. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
5. Commission on Aging
6. Commission on Disabilities
7. Commission on the Status of Women
8. Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee
9. Emergency Medical Care Committee
10. Farmworker Advisory Commission
11. Housing and Community Development Committee
12. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
13. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual Plus Commission
14. North Fair Oaks Community Council
15. Parks and Recreation Commission
16. Public Authority Advisory Committee
17. Child Abuse Prevention Council
18. Child Care Partnership Council
19. Veterans Commission
20. Youth Commission

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