

RESOLUTION NO. 21-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING CONTINUED REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY OF CUPERTINO FOR THE PERIOD
DECEMBER 21, 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 20, 2022 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT
PROVISIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Cupertino is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the City Council, commissions, and committees; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the City of Cupertino's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code sections 54950-54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the City's legislative bodies conduct their 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 for holding meetings exclusively by teleconference 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, Government Code section 54953(e) further requires that in order to authorize meetings exclusively by teleconference, a legislative body must determine that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2021, November 2, 2021, and November 30, 2021, the Cupertino City Council made the findings required under Government Code section 54953(e) and resolved that the legislative bodies of the City of Cupertino shall conduct their meetings without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3), as authorized by Government Code section 54953(e), and that such legislative bodies should

comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in section 54953(e)(2); and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54593(e)(3) provides that to continue to holding meetings of legislative bodies exclusively by teleconference, the legislative body must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency every 30 days, and find that either (i) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, or (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency that now exists, specifically defined in the County of Santa Clara proclamation of a local emergency beginning February 3, 2020, the City of Cupertino proclamation of a local emergency on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclamation of a state of emergency beginning on March 4, 2020, and the national emergency declaration in Proclamation 9994 of March 13, 2020, beginning March 1, 2020, concerning the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara Health Officer order dated August 2, 2021 and the California Department of Industrial Relations Revised Emergency Temporary Standards, effective June 17, 2021, continue to require or recommend social distancing in the workplace in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer Order, the Revised Emergency Temporary Standards, and evidence documenting the transmission of COVID-19 in indoor spaces establishes that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and

WHEREAS, based on the above findings, the Cupertino City Council hereby determines that the legislative bodies of the City of Cupertino shall continue to conduct their meetings without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3), as authorized by Government Code section 54953€, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in section 54953(e)(2); and

WHEREAS, the City has and will continue to provide access for the public to legislative meetings and procedures through video teleconference technologies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Cupertino, as follows:

1. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The City Manager and legislative bodies of the City of Cupertino are hereby authorized and directed to meet exclusively by teleconference and 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.
2. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective through January 20, 2022, or such time as the City Council adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the City Council of the City of Cupertino may continue to teleconference without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cupertino this 21st day of December 2021, by the following vote:

Vote Members of the City Council

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED: _____ Darcy Paul, Mayor City of Cupertino	_____ Date
ATTEST: _____ Kirsten Squarcia, City Clerk	_____ Date

