

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-090**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY OF CUPERTINO FOR THE PERIOD  
OCTOBER 5, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 4, 2021 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 a legislative body to 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, such conditions now exist in the City, 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 issued an updated order dated June 21, 2021 recommending that government entities limit indoor activities to protect participants, particularly those who are not fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued Revised Emergency Temporary Standards, effective June 17, 2021, that 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 indoor meetings of the City's legislative bodies would present an imminent health and safety risk to attendees, particularly those who are not vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and

WHEREAS, based on the above findings, the Cupertino City Council hereby determines 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 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cupertino does hereby:

Section 1. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The City Manager and legislative bodies of the City of Cupertino are hereby authorized and directed 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.

Section 2. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective through November 4, 2021, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021, by the following vote:



Vote                      Members of the City Council

AYES:                      Paul, Chao, Moore, Wei, Willey

NOES:                      None

ABSENT:                      None

ABSTAIN:                      None

<p>SIGNED:</p>  Darcy Paul, Mayor City of Cupertino	<p><u>10/13/2021</u></p> Date
<p>ATTEST:</p>  Kirsten Squarcia, City Clerk	<p><u>10/13/21</u></p> Date