



CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2021

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: KINDON MEIK, CITY MANAGER
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SUBJECT: PROVIDE DIRECTION ON WHEN TO BEGIN HOLDING HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ENABLING MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY OR IN-PERSON

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2021

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council provide direction on when to begin holding hybrid City Council meetings enabling members of the City Council and the public to participate remotely or in-person.

REPORT:

Pursuant to AB 361, which went into effect on October 1, 2021, at their October 13 meeting the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-1751, authorizing remote teleconferencing meetings so long as the City Council complies with certain requirements. Determinations by the City Council that the emergency affects the ability to meet safely in person must be renewed every 30 days.

If the City Council moves to hold hybrid meetings, COVID-19 protocols would be implemented for those wishing to participate in person. In addition, staff would offer

a hybrid model that allows for remote participation for members of the public who cannot attend. These hybrid models are not "problem free." A technological glitch in the meeting could prevent action in the meeting. Over the past several months, the City has not observed any lessening of public participation in City Council meetings because of virtual meetings. Continuing the remote meetings would provide for a consistent meeting format until the Governor's state of emergency is lifted.

Staff contacted the COG and other LA cities to inquire how their meetings are being handled. Summary of cities that responded are listed below. 15 cities are still conducting remote meetings. Eight cities are conducting hybrid meetings and only one city has returned to in-person meetings.

City	Remote/Hybrid	Protocols
Agoura Hills	They had a hybrid meeting in July, but went back to remote	
Hidden Hills	Remote	
Malibu	Remote. They'll be discussing in Nov whether to do change	
Westlake Village	Remote	
Los Angeles	Hybrid	<p>Councilmembers attend in-person and public participates remotely. Mandatory for all participants who attend in-person (Councilmembers and staff) to be vaccinated and receive a COVID-19 rapid test before the meeting. An on-site testing process was implemented. Tests are administered at no cost to the participants.</p> <p>No anticipated date to return to in-person meetings for the public. City Hall is not open to the public</p>
Monterey Park	Remote	
Claremont	Remote	

South El Monte	Hybrid	Masks are required
Inglewood	Hybrid	Remote participation of public
Gardena	Remote	Will revisit each month per AB 361
Hermosa Beach	Hybrid	None
Temple City	Remote	Will revisit each month per AB 361
Norwalk	Hybrid	Masks are required
Maywood	Remote	
Rosemead	Hybrid	Social distancing; limit room capacity in Chamber to allow for social distancing; mask must be worn at all times
Alhambra	Remote	
Signal Hill	Remote	
Pomona	Remote	
Santa Monica	Hybrid	Council and staff in-person, but public only remote
Torrance	In-person	Masks are required. Large bag/purse search
Glendora	Remote	
Pasadena	Remote	
Bradbury	Hybrid	
Monrovia	Remote	

RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENT:

None.