

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 316972

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE OCT 16 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO ADOPTING FINDINGS TO ALLOW CERTAIN
CITY OF SAN DIEGO ADVISORY BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS MEMBERS TO USE TELECONFERENCING
FOR MEETINGS.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

A. Senate Bill 707 (S.B. 707) amended the Ralph M. Brown Act by reorganizing some sections, adding new requirements to the conduct of meetings, and removing the sunseting of some provisions. For City of San Diego (City) advisory boards and commissions, S.B. 707's most significant change allows members of eligible subsidiary bodies to remotely participate in meetings without having to publicly notice and open each remote or teleconferenced location, so long as an in-person meeting location is available to the public.

B. S.B. 707 defines "eligible subsidiary bodies" as a purely advisory board or commission created by the legislative body (i.e. Council) that is not authorized to take final action on legislation, regulations, contracts, licenses, permits, or other entitlements, grants, or allocation of funds. "Eligible subsidiary bodies" does not include advisory boards or commissions whose subject matter includes: elections; budgets; police oversight; privacy; removing from or restricting access to public library materials; or taxes or related spending proposals. *See* Cal. Gov't Code § 54953.8.6(b).

C. For an eligible subsidiary body to meet remotely, S.B. 707 requires the Council to first make certain findings and do so every six months thereafter. The findings include:

(1) consideration of the circumstances of the eligible subsidiary bodies; (2) that public access

would be enhanced and the public is made aware of the remote or teleconferenced participation options available at the meetings; and (3) remote or teleconferenced meetings promote the attraction, retention, and diversity of members. *See* Cal. Gov't Code § 54953.8.6(a)(4)(A). The public must have the opportunity to participate and offer comments during the Council's consideration of the findings.

D. Once Council adopts the required findings, each approved eligible subsidiary body must then agendaize an item to approve the use of remote or teleconferenced meetings before it may begin to meet remotely.

E. Under S.B. 707, eligible subsidiary bodies authorized to meet remotely must allow members of the public to participate in the meeting from a physical location where at least one staff person is present. Eligible subsidiary body members attending meetings remotely must remain on camera unless a technology issue or physical or mental condition prevents it. *See* Cal. Gov't Code § 54953.8(a)(1)-(2).

F. The City advisory boards and commissions recommended for approval to meet remotely as an eligible subsidiary body are:

1. Accessibility Advisory Board;
2. Airports Advisory Committee;
3. Board of Building Appeals and Advisors;
4. Citizens Equal Opportunity Commission;
5. Climate Advisory Board;
6. Commission on the Status of Women;
7. Commission on Gang Prevention & Intervention;
8. Community Forest Advisory Board;

9. Community Reinvestment Review Committee;
10. Consolidated Plan Advisory Board;
11. Franchise Compliance Review Committee;
12. Independent Rates Oversight Committee;
13. International Affairs Board;
14. La Jolla Shores Planned District Advisory Board;
15. Mobility Board;
16. Municipal Golf Committee;
17. Resiliency Advisory Board;
18. Senior Affairs Advisory Board;
19. Small Business Advisory Board; and
20. Youth Commission.

G. San Diego is geographically large and diverse. In-person-only meetings skew participation on volunteer boards and commissions toward those with the most time and mobility. Without remote options, the advisory system risks becoming less inclusive and less effective at informing City decisions, creating barriers for residents with disabilities, limited transportation, caregiving duties, nontraditional work schedules, or health concerns. Volunteers who cannot consistently attend in-person meetings drive quorum challenges, delayed recommendations, and reduced continuity, and discourages qualified residents from serving.

H. Of the 27 City advisory bodies that submitted Calendar Year 2025 annual reports, 11 had at least one meeting canceled due to a lack of quorum. The five boards most affected by quorum issues are:

Youth Commission – 5 of 5 scheduled meetings canceled due to quorum

(100% cancellation rate). The Youth Commission was unable to hold a single formal meeting in 2025 despite active outreach efforts;

Citizens Equal Opportunity Commission – 8 of 12 scheduled meetings canceled due to quorum (67% cancellation rate);

Consolidated Plan Advisory Board – 4 of 8 scheduled meetings canceled due to quorum (50% cancellation rate);

Climate Advisory Board – 6 of 13 scheduled meetings canceled due to quorum (46% cancellation rate); and

Human Relations Commission – 4 of 12 scheduled meetings canceled due to quorum (33% cancellation rate).

I. Remote participation by the boards and commissions identified in Recital D is expected to reduce meeting cancellation rates, improve continuity of advisory functions, and strengthen the City's ability to recruit and retain and recruit qualified volunteer members.

J. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff, including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. The Council has considered the specific circumstances of the City boards and commissions identified in recital F.

2. The Council finds that public access to meetings of these City boards and Commissions would be enhanced if they hold remote or teleconferenced meetings and the public

will be made aware of the remote or teleconferenced participation options available at the meetings.

3. The Council further finds that remote or teleconferenced meetings of these advisory boards and commissions would promote the attraction, retention, and diversity of members.

4. The Council authorizes the City boards and commissions identified in Recital F to hold remote or teleconferenced meetings as allowed under the Brown Act.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

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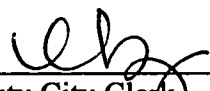


Kathy J. Steinman
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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June 8, 2026
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I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
OCT 06 2026.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 

Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 10/15/26

(date)



TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on October 6, 2026, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	☒	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Campbell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Whitburn	☐	☐	☒	☐
Henry L. Foster III	☒	☐	☐	☐
Marni von Wilpert	☒	☐	☐	☐
Kent Lee	☒	☐	☐	☐
Raul A. Campillo	☐	☐	☒	☐
Vivian Moreno	☒	☐	☐	☐
Sean Elo-Rivera	☐	☐	☒	☐

Date of final passage OCT 16 2026.

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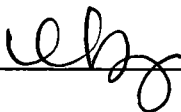
TODD GLORIA

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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DIANA J.S. FUENTES

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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