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Summary: APPROVED 26-4-0-0-1 AT THE October 11, 2022 MEETING COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT ON CF #22-1070 Title: Neighborhood Council Meetings / EmpowerLA Virtual Governance (EVG) System Position: SUPPORT On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared an Emergency in the state of California due to COVID-19. On March 17, the Governor signed Executive Order #N-29-20, which modified the "Brown Act" to permit local bodies to meet virtually. In the City of Los Angeles, this also applied to neighborhood councils. On April 17, EmpowerLA released a Virtual Governance Plan for neighborhood councils and authorized them to meet via Zoom beginning May 1. Since May 12, 2020, the Mid City West Neighborhood Council along with our committees have been meeting virtually. Given that people no longer have to appear in person, we have noticed a great increase in the number of public commenters and general public participation. This has led to more robust meetings and deeper community engagement than previously possible. Additionally, virtual meetings ensure that even those working, at home with children, or otherwise unavailable to come in person to a MCWNC meeting are still able to participate; it has strengthened and made our local democracy more equitable. Therefore, Mid City West supports maintaining a virtual meeting option in perpetuity. We ask that the city: 1 - Make virtual meetings permanent for neighborhood councils 2 - Work with the state legislature and governor to modify the Brown Act, if needed, to accomplish permanent virtual meetings and/or exempt neighborhood councils from the Brown Act and set our own standards.



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