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Council File 22-1070

The Pandemic caused many changes in Los Angeles, including the Neighborhood Council System, which went from in person meetings to all virtual meetings. This was a massive change in the way that meetings were governed both internally with new protocols and procedures and externally with new rules of governance from various entities within the City (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, City Attorney, City Council and more).

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment created an EmpowerLA Virtual Governance (EVG) system in response to the Pandemic, so that meetings could continue on, while still adhering to all local, state and federal laws. As the Pandemic begins to subside, the City Council and stakeholders are all curious as to what the next steps are. The City Council created this Council File to find an answer to that very question by requesting that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment report on viable options for conducting Neighborhood Council meetings in the future, including virtual/EVG meetings, return to in person meetings, and/or a hybrid meeting option.

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment both were forward thinking on this matter last year. In the Summer of 2021, the Commissioners decided to look into this matter and created an EVG Hybrid Workgroup to look into these issues. That Workgroup presented its findings that fall. Another EVG Workgroup was empaneled in May 2022 and produced a 47 page report (<https://bit.ly/3VWKSEW>) that was unanimously approved by the Neighborhood Commissioners in July. The Commissioners, Department, and Workgroup announced plans to work together on a presentation of the information they had acquired in an effort to gain funding from the City Council for a Pilot Program before this Council File was requested.

Support of this Council File is important because it shows a desire and effort from the City Council to learn more about the efforts that have been made to secure hybrid meetings as part of the future for Neighborhood Councils through a report. Hopefully, on the basis of the report, the City Council will fund this EVG program and advance forward the ease for stakeholders and board members to attend meetings in the future.