

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance, which has 73 member neighborhood councils across the city of Los Angeles, has voted in support of allowing neighborhood councils to meet virtually. We support the motions in Council File 22-1070 and Council File 23-0002-S17 and are excited about Senate Bill 411 (Portantino). Neighborhood councils, composed entirely of volunteers with very small budgets, should, in our opinion, be about engaging community members; therefore, they should do what they can to remove barriers to participation and improve access. While hybrid meetings might be ideal in theory, at this point effective hybrid meetings are still challenging for many neighborhood councils. Both in-person and virtual meetings present different barriers and ways to overcome them. We think that in the spirit of the Brown Act, neighborhood councils should be able to determine what is best for their respective communities.

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Thank you,



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