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Summary: 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, 2020, EmpowerLA released a Virtual Governance Plan for neighborhood councils and authorized them to meet via Zoom beginning May 1. Since 2020, the East Hollywood 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 meetings are still able to participate; it has strengthened and made our local democracy more equitable. Furthermore, virtual neighborhood council meetings reduce the need for people to drive to and from meetings, helping us achieve our climate goals. They also provide a safe option for those concerned about getting out of a board meeting late at night. The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council supports urgent changes to the Brown Act which would allow neighborhood councils the option to hold remote board and committee meetings, and urge the City of Los Angeles to support efforts at the state level to accomplish this goal.



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Council File [23-0002-S16](#) (Local Legislative Bodies / Virtual Meetings /
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Sincerely,

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