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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(22) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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#### Impact Information

Date: 02/02/2023

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

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Council File Number: 23-0002-S16

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Summary: The West Hills Neighborhood Council supports urgent changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act which would allow Neighborhood Councils the option, at the Neighborhood Council's discretion, to hold board and committee meetings either remotely (i.e. via telephone or online) without disclosing our location or other personal information, and/or in-person, including the following reasons: 1. Neighborhood Council board members are unpaid volunteers who often have obligations beyond volunteer duties, such as self-care, child and elder care and work obligations. 2. Neighborhood Council board members may have transportation or mobility limitations that make physical attendance difficult or impossible. 3. Remote access to meetings allows more stakeholders to participate in meetings and to serve on boards. 4. In-person meetings should be at the Neighborhood Council's discretion as they may pose a danger to some of the board members and stakeholders. 5. The Ralph M. Brown Act's requirement that each teleconference location be identified and accessible to the public is outdated and poses a danger to board members who volunteer to participate in a Neighborhood Council.