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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(6) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Council File Number: 23-0002-S16

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Summary: The Rampart Village Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS urgent changes to the Brown Act which would allow Neighborhood Councils the option to hold remote board and committee meetings, and urges the City of Los Angeles to support efforts at the state level to accomplish this goal.



**Community Impact Statement:
Council Files 23-0002-S16 and 23-0002-S17**

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Council File 23-0002-S16 (Local Legislative Bodies / Virtual Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment)
Council File 23-0002-S17 (Local Legislative Bodies / Virtual Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment)

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared an Emergency in the state of California due to COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, 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, 2020.

Since 2020, the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council along with our committees have been meeting virtually. Given that people no longer have to appear in person, we have noticed an increase in the number of public officials and community organizations that are able to participate in our meetings. This has led to more efficient meetings and more engaged public officials and community organizations than was previously possible. Additionally, virtual meetings ensure that even those stakeholders working, at home with children, or otherwise unavailable to come in person to meetings are able to participate; it has strengthened and made our Neighborhood Council more effective in communicating the needs of our stakeholders to public officials and to community organizations seeking to serve them.

Furthermore, virtual Neighborhood Council meetings reduce the need for people to drive to and from meetings, helping us achieve our climate goals. Virtual meetings also provide a safe option for those concerned about getting out of a board meeting late at night. The Rampart Village Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS urgent changes to the Brown Act which would allow Neighborhood Councils the option to hold remote board and committee meetings, and urges the City of Los Angeles to support efforts at the state level to accomplish this goal.

In service,

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

PRESENTED BY: Ronee Reece
SECONDED BY: Jennifer Quinones
YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3 INELIGIBLE: 0
ON THIS DATE: February 21, 2023