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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(2) Recusal(0)

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Council File Number: 23-0002-S16

Agenda Date: 02/28/2023

Item Number: 9.a

Summary: In Support of: The Wilmington Neighborhood Council supports urgent changes to the Brown Act which will allow neighborhood Councils of Los Angeles to hold remote/teleconference board and committee meetings and urge the City of Los Angeles leaders to support efforts at the state level to accomplish this goal. The Neighborhood Councils are an integral part of the process for development of City policies and budgetary priorities. Nearly 100 Neighborhood Councils throughout the city meet regularly to discuss and debate proposals and develop ideas for consideration by improving the City Council and Mayor. Unfortunately, there are often time-or travel-constraints, transportation, childcare or elderly care, that prevent people from participation. The city should make every effort to improve this situation, where possible. Neighborhood Council meetings should be allowed to be 'Webcast' Webinar, Teleconference, Internet, recorded or any other means that allows for more participation, more involvement Neighborhood Councils and Brown Act Meetings should be allowed to reach as many stakeholders as possible. The Neighborhood Councils should have the option to use it as their discretion. We urge you to take a position at the State level that will help improve the process for Ralph M. Brown Act meetings and impact our city Neighborhood Council Systems in a positive way.



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Council File [23-0002 S16 & S17](#) Local Legislative Bodies/Virtual Meeting/Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment)

POSITION TAKEN: SUPPORT

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council supports urgent changes to the Brown Act which will allow neighborhood Councils of Los Angeles to hold Virtual/teleconference board and committee meetings, and we urge the City of Los Angeles leaders to support efforts at the state level to accomplish this goal.

The Neighborhood Councils are an integral part of the process for development of City policies and budgetary priorities. 100 Neighborhood Councils throughout the city meet regularly to discuss and debate proposals and develop ideas for consideration by improving the City Council and Mayor. Unfortunately, there are often time-or travel-constraints, transportation, child care or elderly care, that prevent people from participation. The city should make every effort to improve this situation, where possible. Neighborhood Council meetings should be allowed to be 'Webcast' Webinar, Teleconference, Internet, recorded or any other means that allows for more participation, more involvement. Neighborhood Councils and Brown Act Meetings should be allowed to reach as many stakeholders as possible. The Neighborhood Councils should have the option to use it as their discretion. When Covid broke we could have been better prepared if Ralph M. Brown Act meetings had previously given the options to meet virtually. We could have been much more effective in reaching our stakeholders with updates and resources. Let us be better prepared and give the Neighborhood Councils the option to meet virtually or in-person.

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council thanks you for the opportunity to give input on critical issues on behalf of our stakeholders. We thank our City Council leaders for taking a position at the State level that will accomplish this goal and improve the process for Ralph M. Brown Act meetings.

Respectfully,

Valerie Contreras

Valerie Contreras, President WNC