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Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) supports this January 10, 2023 City Council Resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, as moved by CD13 Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez and CD12 Councilmember John Lee.



# ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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## COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF COUNCIL FILE 23-0002-S16

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MARCH 2, 2023

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) supports this January 10, 2023 City Council Resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, as moved by CD13 Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez and CD12 Councilmember John Lee.

The EPNC kindly requests of the City of Los Angeles include in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program, support for an amendment to the Ralph M. Brown Act permitting the City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system to indefinitely continue to hold its meetings virtually via a telecommunications platform.

The EPNC's purpose and duties have not been hindered by remote meetings, but on the contrary, improved. During the pandemic, our Board collaborated with stakeholders on various projects to improve and beautify the neighborhood as well as provided Neighborhood Purpose Grants to non-profits and schools to improve youth in sports, elementary school community gardens, and food distribution. We have noticed increased public participation in meetings due to the ease of connecting through a remote platform.

Furthermore, during the era of Covid-19, remote meetings are imperative to maintain the safety of individuals on our Board and within our community. DONE has suggested a "hybrid" meeting format in order to accommodate these concerns but has given no formal instruction or guidance on the administration of these hybrid meetings. DONE expects neighborhood councils to utilize their own budgets to fund the equipment for these hybrid meetings, dwindling our already diminished annual funds. The money for this equipment could be used for the community if meetings remained remote.

The EPNC supports this resolution, and requests DONE use its administrative and budgetary resources to support neighborhood councils staying remote.

## **RESOLUTION**

On February 28, 2023, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act noticed-meeting, at 7pm through zoom. With a quorum of 12 board members present and vote count of 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, the Board resolved to write a letter of support for the application as set forth above.

Respectfully,  
Echo Park Neighborhood Council



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Nick Marcone  
Secretary, Echo Park Neighborhood Council