

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org).

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/07/2023

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 04/11/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 23-0002-S17

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The ERNC supports these urgent changes to the Brown Act giving greater flexibility to neighborhood councils by providing them the option to hold remote board and committee meetings. Neighborhood Council board members are all unpaid volunteers who often have obligations beyond their extensive volunteer duties. We have child and elder care obligations, work obligations, health concerns, and many other obligations in our daily lives. Stakeholders wishing to attend board or committee meetings grapple with the same issues that often prevent them from attending. Access via telephonic meetings have allowed a wider variety of stakeholders to participate in meetings and serve on boards. Neighborhood Councils desperately need options that allow them choices for remote and hybrid meetings that best suit the needs of their individual communities.

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**CF 23-0002-S16** Los Angeles Neighborhood Council System / Remote Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment. **CF 23-0002-S17**, Local Legislative Bodies / Virtual Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment

March 7, 2023

Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear City Councilmembers,

We declare that on March 7, 2023, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) at which a quorum was present. The following motion passed unanimously:

The ERNC 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 ERNC supports these urgent changes to the Brown Act giving greater flexibility to neighborhood councils by providing them the option to hold remote board and committee meetings. Neighborhood Council board members are all unpaid volunteers who often have obligations beyond their extensive volunteer duties. We have child and elder care obligations, work obligations, health concerns, and many other obligations in our daily lives. Stakeholders wishing to attend board or committee meetings grapple with the same issues that often prevent them from attending. Access via telephonic meetings have allowed a wider variety of stakeholders to participate in meetings and serve on boards. Neighborhood Councils desperately need options that allow them

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Please place this letter in the case file, and acknowledge its receipt via email to: **executive@ernc.la**. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Loew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Richard M. Loew  
President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

cc: Office of Council District 14