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

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Council File Number: 23-0002-S17

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, The Voices Neighborhood Council on April 11, 2023 voted 9-0-0 to SUPPORT, City Council File 23-0002-S16 and voted 9-0-0 to SUPPORT Council File 23-0002-S17. The Voices Neighborhood Council supports urgent changes to the Brown Act which would allow neighborhood councils the option to hold remote board and committee meetings. Neighborhood Council board members are all unpaid volunteers who often have commitments beyond their extensive volunteer duties. We have child and elder care obligations, work, health concerns, and many other obligations in our daily lives. Access via telephonic meetings have allowed a wider variety of stakeholders to participate in meetings and serve on boards. Neighborhood Councils—the closest government bodies to our communities—desperately need options that allow them choices for remote and hybrid meetings that best suit the needs of their individual community. We thank you for your attention to this matter and appreciate your commitment to strengthening our district. Sincerely, Dulce Vasquez, Vice Chair
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RE: Council File: 23-0002-S16

Council File 23-0002-S16 (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council System / Remote Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment)

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

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
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Via Email

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CC: Councilmember Curren D. Price Jr, Assemblymember Reggie Jones Sawyer, Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas