

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA MAKING THE LEGALLY REQUIRED FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONDUCT OF REMOTE “TELEPHONIC” MEETINGS DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, pursuant to California Gov. Code Section 8625, the Governor declared a state of emergency;

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which bill went into immediate effect as urgency legislation;

WHEREAS, AB 361 added subsection (e) to Section 54953 to authorize legislative bodies to conduct remote meetings provided the legislative body makes specified findings;

WHEREAS, as of September 19, 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic has killed more than 67,612 Californians;

WHEREAS, social distancing measures decrease the chance of spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, this legislative body previously adopted a resolution to authorize this legislative body to conduct remote “telephonic” meetings;

WHEREAS, Government Code 54953(e)(3) authorizes this legislative body to continue to conduct remote “telephonic” meetings provided that it has timely made the findings specified therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa does hereby declare that it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency declared by the Governor and at least one of the following is true: (a) the state of emergency, continues to directly impact the ability of the members of this legislative body to meet safely in person; and/or (2) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.