



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Grisanti and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Date prepared: September 21, 2021 Meeting date: October 11, 2021

Subject: Consideration of the Resumption of In-Person Meetings

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Receive an update on the current State and County public health regulations; and 2) Consider options for the resumption of in-person public meetings and give direction to staff as needed.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact for this recommended action. Depending on what direction Council provides on the resumption of in-person meetings, additional funding may be necessary to fund staff overtime costs needed to facilitate public meetings in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 that was not previously included in the Adopted Budget.

WORK PLAN: This item was included as item 1a in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

DISCUSSION: At its Regular meeting on June 28, 2021, the Council received an update on the current State and County public health regulations and directed staff to place an item on the consideration of the resumption of in-person meetings on each Regular meeting agenda until in-person meetings resume.

The Governor's Executive Order N-08-21, issued June 11, 2021, remains in effect through September 30, 2021. Effective October 1, 2021, virtual meetings may continue to be held pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 361, which was signed by the Governor on September 16, 2021. AB 361 allows for virtual meetings to be held "without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency." The provisions of AB 361 will remain in effect until January 1, 2024.

On September 17, 2021, in response to continuing high daily new cases of COVID-19, the Los Angeles County Health Officer issued a revised order that continued the requirement for masking by all in indoor public settings and businesses, regardless of vaccination

status, and mandated proof of vaccination or a recent negative test for entry into mega events and arenas effective October 7, 2021. The order further requires certain businesses to verify COVID-19 vaccination status for their patrons and employees.

Prior to returning to in-person meetings, the Council should determine what protocols, if any, will be established for participation and public entry to those meetings. Some potential requirements include but are not limited to wearing of face coverings by all in attendance, providing proof of vaccination or proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test result, and/or the allowance of continued virtual participation (i.e., hybrid meetings).

Staff will ensure that any such protocols will be clearly indicated on posted agendas, at the entrances to City Hall and the Council Chambers, and in any online and social media promotion of those meetings, as necessary.

ATTACHMENTS: None.