

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-054

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE
FINDING CONDITIONS TO CONTINUE USE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS
AND REVIEWING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Manager (acting as the Director of Emergency Services) adopted a Resolution Proclaiming Existence of Local Emergency (Local Emergency Proclamation), which Local Emergency Proclamation was ratified by the City Council on March 18, 2020, and remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove has been utilizing teleconference meetings since March 18, 2020 after the statewide state of emergency was declared on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, use of teleconference meetings was facilitated by Executive Orders that relaxed state regulations related to holding teleconference meetings, and similar provisions were enacted by Assembly Bill 361; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) requires that the City Council make specific findings to continue the use of teleconference meetings in the format permitted under state law during a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency remains active; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Health issued an order that masks continue to be required for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public settings, which includes public meetings; and

WHEREAS, that the health orders remain in effect, and with a continued requirement for masking indoors for unvaccinated individuals, the City Council has opted to preserve the ability to hold meetings by teleconference, should the need arise, given the potentially fluid nature of the COVID-19 health directives; and

WHEREAS, the City Council last considered the continued use of teleconference meetings on February 9, 2022, and adopted Resolution No. 2022-029 making findings to continue the use of teleconference meetings in the format permitted under state law during a state of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove that:

- 1) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) the City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds: (i) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and (ii) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; these findings and similar previous findings from prior City Council resolutions shall apply to all City commissions and committees; and


- 2) The City Council chooses to continue to have the ability to teleconference without compliance with the provisions of California Government Code Section 54953(b)(3) to facilitate continued use of teleconference meetings, and the City Council authorizes all City commissions and committees to do the same, subject to further direction from the City Council; and
- 3) The City Council will reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and use of teleconferencing in the next 30 days; and
- 4) The City Council takes no action at this time to terminate or alter the Local Emergency Declaration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 9th day of March 2022




BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR of the
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:


JASON LINDGREN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


JONATHAN P. HOBBS,
CITY ATTORNEY

CERTIFICATION
ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2022-054

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) ss
CITY OF ELK GROVE)

I, Jason Lindgren, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on March 9, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *Singh-Allen, Suen, Hume, Spease, Nguyen*

NOES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

ABSTAIN: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

ABSENT: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*



Jason Lindgren, City Clerk
City of Elk Grove, California