

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, ALL CITY OPERATING COMPANY BOARDS, AND
THE RENTAL HOUSING BOARD, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 17,
2025 THROUGH FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena is committed to preserving and fostering public access and participation in meetings of the City Council, all City subordinate bodies, and all city non-profit corporation Boards and their subordinate bodies, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend and participate as the bodies conduct the public’s business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act makes special provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings when the Governor has declared a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8625, and an in person meeting would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions continue to exist in the City of Pasadena. Specifically, on January 7, 2025, extraordinary windstorm conditions and destructive fires (“Eaton Fire”) caused widespread damage to critical infrastructure, structures, and roads throughout the City that prompted evacuation orders. On January 8, 2025, the City Manager issued a Declaration of Local Emergency in accordance with Chapter 2.370 of the Pasadena Municipal Code. The state of emergency, ratified by the City Council on January 13, 2025, is presently in effect; and

WHEREAS, at the January 13, 2025 City Council meeting, the City Council determined, in accordance with Government Code § 54953(e)(1), that as a result of the ongoing emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton Fire is not yet fully contained, and the wildfire smoke and ash are impacting the air quality of the City. Wildfire smoke contains fine particles which are respiratory irritants, and when inhaled deeply, can affect the lungs and the heart. Exposure to high concentrations of fine particles can cause persistent cough, runny nose, phlegm, wheezing, and difficulty breathing. As a result, on January 15,

2025, the City of Pasadena Health Officer issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency following the significant degradation to air quality as a result of the Eaton Fire; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the ongoing emergency, meeting in person will continue to present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees in accordance with Government Code § 54953(e)(1); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code § 54953(e)(3), the City Council now determines that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the City Council and other bodies to meet safely in person, and further determines that the City Council, all city non-profit corporation Boards, and the Pasadena Rental Housing shall conduct their meetings with remote participation in the manner authorized by Government Code § 54953(e), and such bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in Government Code § 54953(e)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The City Council, all city non-profit corporation Boards, and the Pasadena Rental Housing Board shall conduct their meetings with remote participation in the manner authorized by Government Code § 54953(e), and such bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in Government Code § 54953(e)(2).

Section 3. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until February 12, 2025, or such time as the City Council adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code § 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which meetings may continue to be held remotely by teleconference in compliance with that section.

Adopted at the _____ meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Approved as to form:

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk



Arnold F. Lee
Chief Assistant City Attorney