

RESOLUTION NO. 3701-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR
AND ON BEHALF OF COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES CREATED BY THE
TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54952(b)
AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS IN COMPLIANCE WITH
ASSEMBLY BILL 361 TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
SAFELY PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Windsor is committed to ensuring public access to observe and participate in local government meetings; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Town Council and its other legislative bodies created pursuant to Government Code section 54952(b) are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, so that any member of the public may participate in local government meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in local government meetings, without compliance with the requirements 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the outbreak of respiratory illness from a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2021, the Town Council adopted Resolution Number 3582-20, ratifying the proclamation of a local emergency by the Town Manager/Director of Emergency Services due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625 continues to be in effect; and

WHEREAS, State and local health officials have imposed and recommended social distancing measures for the protection of public health and safety in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Public Health Officer continues to recommend teleconferencing or social distancing during public meetings of all legislative bodies to protect the community's health against the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, acting as a legislative body pursuant to Government Code section 54952(a) and for the benefit of the commissions, committees, and other bodies that were created by the Town Council pursuant to Government Code section 54952(b) (collectively referred to as "Legislative Bodies"), finds that the current conditions meet the circumstances set forth in Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to allow Legislative Bodies to continue to use teleconferencing to hold open and public meetings if the Legislative Bodies comply with the requirements set forth in Government Code section 54953(e)(2) to ensure the public can safely participate in and observe local government meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

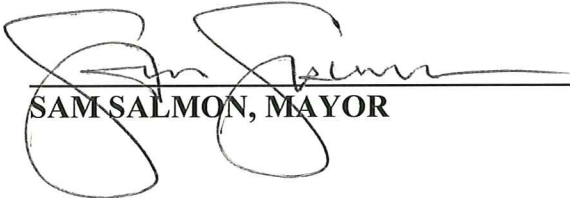
Section 2. Current Conditions Authorize Teleconference Public Meetings of Legislative Bodies. Based on the California Governor's continued declaration of a State of Emergency and the Sonoma County Public Health Officer's recommendation to continue teleconferencing or social distancing during public meetings, the Town Council finds that the conditions continue to exist pursuant to Government Code sections 54952(e)(1) and 54953(e)(3) to allow Legislative Bodies to use teleconferencing to hold public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(2) to ensure members of the public have continued access to safely observe and participate in local government meetings.

Section 3. Authorize Legislative Bodies to Conduct Teleconference Meetings. The Legislative Bodies are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(2) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.


PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 6th day of October 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, LEMUS, VICE MAYOR REYNOZA AND MAYOR SALMON
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE



SAM SALMON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



IRENE CAMACHO-WERBY, TOWN CLERK