

# City of Santa Rosa



## Legislation Details

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**Title:** REPORT - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AND ALL THE CITY'S BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES, PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (THIS ITEM IS BEING CONTINUED TO THE OCTOBER 12, 2021 REGULAR MEETING)

**BACKGROUND:** To protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Santa Rosa has been holding teleconference public meetings for the City Council and all of the City's boards, commissions, and committees. Those teleconference meetings have been held in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-08-21, which waive certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) in the interests of public health. The two executive orders, however, sunset as of September 30, 2021.

Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) was signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 16, 2021. AB 361 allows for teleconference meetings under relaxed Brown Act standards during a state of emergency, provided that certain factual findings are made and certain alternative procedures are set in place to protect public participation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the City Attorney that the Council: 1) by motion, find good cause, under the Early Agenda Policy and the Open Government Ordinance, to consider this item, notwithstanding that the item did not appear on the preliminary agenda; and 2) by resolution, authorize the continued implementation of teleconferenced public meetings for all the City's Boards, Commissions and Committees pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

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