



On March 4, 2020, the Governor issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which remains in effect to date. On September 21, 2021, Dr. Robert Levin, the Ventura County Health Officer, issued a recommendation regarding social distancing and continued remote meetings of legislative bodies. On November 15, 2021, Dr. Levin issued an updated recommendation regarding social distancing and continued remote meetings of legislative bodies, which remains in effect (a copy of Dr. Levin's November 15, 2021 recommendation is attached as Attachment 2). Therefore, the requirements of Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e) are met and your Standing Committee may continue to meet virtually pursuant to AB 361.

In order to continue to meet virtually under these circumstances, your Standing Committee must make the following findings by majority vote every 30 days: (i) that your Standing Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (ii) that either the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, or that state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. If your Standing Committee elects to continue to meet via remote teleconferencing, these required findings are set forth in the attached resolution (Attachment 1). Adoption of the resolution would allow your Standing Committee to continue remote teleconference meetings for the next thirty days.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Standing Committee

Attachment 2 - Ventura County Health Officer November 15, 2021 recommendation regarding social distancing