



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 7, 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 6, 2022 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa Unified School District Independent Redistricting Commission (“Commission”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Commission’s legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Commission’s legislative bodies conduct their business; and

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

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District’s boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the District, specifically, Governor Gavin Newsom on March 4, 2020, declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2021, the Contra Costa County Health Officer issued recommendations for safely holding public meetings that include recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, under the Health Officer’s recommendations: (1) on-line meetings (teleconferencing meetings) are strongly recommended as those meetings present the lowest risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19; (2) if a local agency determines to hold in-person meetings, offering the public the opportunity to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option is recommended when possible to give those at higher risk of an/or higher concern about COVID-19 an alternative to participating in person; (3)



Commission may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the West Contra Costa Unified School District Independent Redistricting Commission this 7th day of December, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Toalu, Hilliard, Gordon, Lazzaretti

NOES:

ABSENT: Commissioners Butler and Diaz-Noriega

ABSTAIN: