

## City Council Questions

### January 10, 2023 - Council Meeting

#### **ITEM 4.1 AB 361 Resolution to Continue Remote Public Meetings During State of Emergency**

1. Why are we doing a resolution to continue remote meetings when we decided that the council would return to in-person meetings for council and hybrid for members of the public starting January 10? Wouldn't the council policy that specifies the limited circumstances under which a councilmember may participate virtually now govern when a councilmember can be virtual? I assumed that when the council decided to come back to in-person meetings, that would also be the case for advisory bodies. This resolution says otherwise. Why are we differentiating between the council and the advisory bodies? What do we need to do to return to in-person advisory body meetings?

The scheduled meetings of the City's 11 advisory bodies take place throughout the month. The 30-day timeframe of the Council resolution adopted in December would have enabled some advisory bodies to meet remotely in January while others would have been required to hold their January meeting in person. In order to provide clarity in communication and efficiency in preparing for the return to in-person advisory body meetings, staff set February 1 as the start date for all advisory boards to return to in-person meetings. This required Council adoption of a resolution on Jan. 10 to cover the full month of January advisory body meetings.