RESOLUTION NO. 2021-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ALLOWING FOR VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY UNDER AB 361

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 was recently passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Newsom and went into effect immediately and allows the City Council to continue to meet virtually until such time as the Governor declares the state of emergency due to COVID-19 over and measures to promote social distancing are no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2021, the Director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency recommended social distancing measures for safely holding public meetings based on the continued threat of COVID-19 to the community and the continued increased safety protection that social distancing provides as one method to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, in light of this recommendation, the City Council desires for itself and for all other City legislatives bodies that are subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet via video and/or teleconference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361, the City Council will review the findings required to be made every 30 days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby resolve and find on behalf of itself and all other City legislative bodies: (1) a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor; (2) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the City Council and the City Council's legislative bodies to meet safely in person; and (3) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.