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Date:	December 7, 2022
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1	[Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings During Declared Emergency]
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3	Motion making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings under California
4	Government Code, Section 54953(e).
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6	WHEREAS, California Government Code, Section 54953(e), empowers local policy
7	bodies to convene by teleconferencing technology during a proclaimed state of emergency
8	under the State Emergency Services Act so long as certain conditions are met; and
9	WHEREAS, In March, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state
10	of emergency in California in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19")
11	pandemic, and that state of emergency remains in effect; and
12	WHEREAS, In February 25, 2020, the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco
13	(the "City") declared a local emergency, and on March 6, 2020, the City's Health Officer
14	declared a local health emergency, and both those declarations also remain in effect; and
15	WHEREAS, On March 11 and March 23, 2020, the Mayor issued emergency orders
16	suspending select provisions of local law, including sections of the City Charter, that restrict
17	teleconferencing by members of policy bodies; those orders remain in effect, so City law
18	currently allows policy bodies to meet remotely if they comply with restrictions in State law
19	regarding teleconference meetings; and
20	WHEREAS, On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that amends
21	the Brown Act to allow local policy bodies to continue to meet by teleconferencing during a
22	state of emergency without complying with restrictions in State law that would otherwise
23	apply, provided that the policy bodies make certain findings at least once every 30 days; and
24	WHEREAS, While federal, State, and local health officials emphasize the critical
25	importance of vaccination (including a booster once eligible) and consistent mask-wearing,

regardless of vaccination status, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City's Health Officer
has issued at least one order (Health Officer Order No. C19-07y, available online at
www.sfdph.org/healthorders) and one directive (Health Officer Directive No. 2020-33i,
available online at www.sfdph.org/directives) that continue to recommend measures to
promote safety for indoor gatherings, including vaccination, masking, improved ventilation,
and other measures, in certain contexts; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational
Safety and Health ("Cal/OSHA") has promulgated Section 3205 of Title 8 of the California
Code of Regulations, which requires most employers in California, including in the City, to
train and instruct employees about measures that can decrease the spread of COVID-19; and

11 WHEREAS, Without limiting any requirements under applicable federal, state, or local 12 pandemic-related rules, orders, or directives, the City's Department of Public Health, in 13 coordination with the City's Health Officer, has advised that for group gatherings indoors, such 14 as meetings of boards and commissions, people can increase safety and greatly reduce risks 15 to the health and safety of attendees from COVID-19 by maximizing ventilation, wearing well-16 fitting masks regardless of vaccination status (and as required for unvaccinated people by the 17 State of California's indoor masking order), encouraging vaccination (including a booster as 18 soon as eligible), staying home when sick or when experiencing any COVID-19 symptom, 19 discouraging consumption of food or beverages in the meeting, following good hand hygiene 20 practices, and making informed choices when gathering with people whose vaccination status 21 is not known; and 22 WHEREAS, On February 10, 2022, the Mayor issued an emergency order that (1)

WHEREAS, On February 10, 2022, the Mayor issued an emergency order that (1) requires decision-making boards and commissions established in the Charter (with the exception of the Board of Supervisors) to hold meetings in person at a physical location where members of the public may attend and provide comment, (2) allows members of those boards

1 and commissions to participate remotely in the in-person meetings for COVID-related health 2 reasons, (3) allows but does not require subcommittees of those boards and commissions to 3 meet in person at a physical location where members of the public may attend and provide 4 comment, and (4) prohibits all other policy bodies (with the exception of the Board of 5 Supervisors and its committees) from meeting in person under any circumstances, with limited 6 exceptions; and 7 WHEREAS, On October 5, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion 8 No. M21-132 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on 9 November 4, 2021; and 10 WHEREAS, On November 2, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion 11 No. M21-153 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on 12 December 1, 2021; and 13 WHEREAS, On November 30, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion 14 No. M21-165 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on 15 December 30, 2021; and 16 WHEREAS, On December 14, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion 17 No. M21-174 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on 18 January 13, 2022; and WHEREAS, On January 11, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion 19 20 No. M22-005 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on 21 February 10, 2022; and 22 WHEREAS, On February 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion 23 No. M22-018 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on 24 March 10, 2022; and

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1	WHEREAS, On March 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion
2	No. M22-036 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on
3	April 7, 2022; and
4	WHEREAS, On April 5, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion No. M22-050
5	making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on May 5, 2022; and
6	WHEREAS, On May 3, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion No. M22-074
7	making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on June 23, 2022;
8	and
9	WHEREAS, On May 24, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion No. M22-095
10	making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on June 2, 2022; and
11	WHEREAS, On June 14, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion
12	No. M22-106 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on
13	July 14, 2022; and
14	WHEREAS, On July 12, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion No. M22-121
15	making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on August 12, 2022;
16	and
17	WHEREAS, On August 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion
18	No. M22-139 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on
19	September 7, 2022; and
20	WHEREAS, On September 6, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion
21	No. M22-142 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on
22	October 6, 2022; and
23	WHEREAS, On September 27, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion
24	No. M22-157 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on
25	October 27, 2022; and

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1	WHEREAS, On October 25, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion
2	No. M22-169 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on
3	November 24, 2022; and
4	WHEREAS, On November 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion
5	No. M22-182 making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings for 30 days, expiring on
6	December 15, 2022; and
7	WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has begun holding some meetings in person,
8	and will begin holding additional meetings, including committee meetings, in person, while
9	allowing members to participate by video from a separate location for COVID-related health
10	reasons and providing members of the public an opportunity to observe and provide public
11	comment either in person or remotely; now, therefore, be it
12	MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds as follows:
13	1. As described above, the State of California and the City remain in a state of
14	emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this meeting, the Board of Supervisors has
15	considered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
16	2. As described above, State and City officials continue to recommend measures
17	to promote physical distancing and other social distancing measures, in some settings.
18	3. As described above, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting meetings
19	of this body and its committees in person without allowing certain members of this body to
20	attend remotely due to COVID-related health reasons would present imminent risks to the
21	health or safety of certain attendees due to COVID-19, and the state of emergency continues
22	to directly impact the ability of those members to meet safely in person; and, be it
23	FURTHER MOVED, That for at least the next 30 days, the Board of Supervisors and its
24	committees will hold in-person meetings, with some members possibly appearing remotely for
25	COVID-health related reasons. If all members of the Board of Supervisors or a committee of

1	the Board are unable to attend in person for COVID-related health reasons, then the Board of
2	Supervisors or committee will hold the meeting remotely without providing an in-person
3	meeting location. All meetings of the Board of Supervisors and its committees will provide an
4	opportunity for members of the public to address this body and its committees and will
5	otherwise occur in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of parties and
6	the members of the public attending the meeting via teleconferencing; and, be it
7	FURTHER MOVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to place a
8	Motion substantially similar to this Motion on the agenda of a future meeting of the Board of
9	Supervisors within the next 30 days; if the Board of Supervisors does not meet within the
10	next 30 days, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to place a such Motion on the
11	agenda of the next meeting of Board of Supervisors.
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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date

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5. City Attorney Request.			
6. Call File No.	from Committee.		
7. Budget Analyst request (attached written m	notion).		
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