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## MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LIVE VIRTUAL MEETING

October 12, 2022

Present:

Donald Dear, Chair

Kathryn Barger Margaret Finlay John Lee Gerard McCallum John Mirisch Holly Mitchell Francine Oschin

Anthony Bell, Alternate Michael Davitt, Alternate David Lesser, Alternate Mel Matthews, Alternate

Paul Novak, Executive Officer Carole Suzuki, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Hilda Solis, Alternate

Vacant:

City of Los Angeles, Alternate Member Independent Special District, Voting Member

#### 1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. as a live virtual Commission meeting, with public comment accepted via e-mail, computer, or phone through the conclusion of public testimony.

#### 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Executive Officer Paul Novak.

## 3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

The Executive Officer (EO) read an announcement, asking if any Commissioners had received a campaign contribution that would require disclosure or any other issue requiring recusal from any item on today's agenda (None).

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The EO noted that today's meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of Government Code § 54953 relative to virtual meetings, as well as the County of Los Angeles "Best Practices to Prevent COVID-19". LAFCO's legal counsel has confirmed that the conduct of the meeting is consistent with State law as modified by the Governor and County orders.

The EO noted that all public hearing notices, and the agenda, clearly stated that interested persons were afforded the opportunity to submit written opposition or comments by e-mail, or via United States mail. For any communications received after the agenda was posted, staff has forwarded copies via e-mail to the Commission. LAFCO staff continued to monitor e-mail and comments received during the meeting and prior to the conclusion of each hearing item were summarized verbally for the Commission (None).

## 4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The EO swore in members of the audience who planned to testify (None).

## 5 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

## 6 CONSENT ITEM(S)

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Approved Minutes of September 14, 2022.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of September 2022.

c. Received and filed update on Pending Proposals.

d. Information Item(s) – Government Code §§ 56751 & 56857 (None).

MOTION:

Barger

SECOND: McCallum

APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES:

Barger, Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Davitt (Alt. for Finlay), Matthews (Alt. for

VACANT), McCallum, Mirisch, Dear

NOES:

None.

ABSTAIN:

None.

ABSENT:

Finlay, Mitchell, Oschin

## 7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

(None).

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

(None).

## 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called for consideration:

a. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Commission pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Required Findings.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission took the following action:

• Adopted the Resolution of the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Body of the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles for the meeting of November 9, 2022; Resolution No. 2022-21RMD.

MOTION:

Barger

SECOND: Matthews (Alt. for VACANT)

APPROVED: 6-1-0

AYES:

Barger, Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Davitt (Alt. for Finlay), Matthews (Alt. for

VACANT), Mirisch, Dear

NOES:

McCallum

ABSTAIN:

None.

ABSENT:

Finlay, Mitchell, Oschin

[Commissioner Mitchell arrived at 9:07 a.m.]

## 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called for consideration:

b. Potential Cancellation of the December 14, 2022 Meeting.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Canceled the December 14, 2022 Commission Meeting; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to send notice via the LAFCO e-mail alert notification system and post the associated notice on the LAFCO website.

MOTION: Barger SECOND: Mitchell APPROVED: 8-0-0

AYES: Barger, Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Davitt (Alt. for Finlay),

Matthews (Alt. for VACANT), McCallum, Mirisch, Mitchell, Dear

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Finlay, Oschin

#### 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called for consideration:

c. Proposed Commission Meeting Schedule for 2023.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Adopted a Commission Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023; and
- Directed staff to post the adopted Commission Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023 to the LAFCO website.

MOTION: Mitchell SECOND: Mirisch APPROVED: 8-0-0

AYES: Barger, Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Davitt (Alt. for Finlay), Matthews (Alt. for

VACANT), McCallum, Mirisch, Mitchell, Dear

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Finlay, Oschin

## LEGISLATION

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Legislative Update.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission took the following action:

• Received and filed the Legislative Update.

MOTION:

Mitchell

SECOND: Barger

APPROVED: 8-0-0

AYES:

Barger, Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Davitt (Alt. for Finlay), Matthews (Alt. for

VACANT), McCallum, Mirisch, Mitchell, Dear

NOES:

None.

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

Finlay, Oschin

## 11 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

(None).

## 12 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

(None).

[Commissioner Oschin arrived at 9:10 a.m.]

## 13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- a. Written Update.
- b. Verbal Update.

The EO indicated that next month's meeting (November 9th) will be held at 8:30 a.m. instead of at the regular time of 9:00 a.m.

The Commission took the following action:

Received and filed the Executive Officer's Written Update.

MOTION:

Barger

SECOND: Mitchell

APPROVED: 8-0-0

AYES:

Barger, Davitt (Alt. for Finlay), Matthews (Alt. for VACANT), McCallum,

Mirisch, Mitchell, Oschin, Dear

NOES:

None.

ABSTAIN:

None.

ABSENT:

**Finlay** 

[Commissioner Finlay arrived at 9:12 a.m.]

14 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

15 FUTURE MEETINGS

November 9, 2022 (Virtual meeting at 8:30 a.m. instead of at 9:00 a.m.)

January 11, 2023

15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Chair Dear adjourned the live virtual meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Novak, AICP

**Executive Officer** 

## RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION

COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2022; PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles ("LAFCO" or "Commission") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Commission 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 conduct its 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 requirements; and

WHEREAS, a required condition of Government Code Section 54953(e) 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, it is further a required condition of Government Code Section 54953(e) that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body holds a meeting to determine by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, because such conditions now exist in Los Angeles County and throughout the state, a State of Emergency has been proclaimed by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 4, 2020, addressing the threats to public health and safety associated with the COVID-19 pandemic in California, and prescribing certain measures to protect the health and safety of all state

residents, and said State of Emergency remains in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations, at Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations Section 3205(c)(5)(D), making recommendations for physical (social) distancing in the workplace as a measure to decrease the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer has issued guidance for the business community recommending social distancing; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the foregoing, the Commission does hereby find that it shall conduct its meetings without complying with Government Code Section 54953(b)(3), as authorized by Government Code Section 54953(e), and that the Commission shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in Government Code Section 54953(e)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution by reference.
- The Commission hereby determines that there is an active, proclaimed state of emergency throughout the State of California due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;

and that state and local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

- The Commission is hereby authorized to conduct its open and public meetings by teleconference in compliance with the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e).
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of either November 10, 2022 (thirty days from today), or such time as the Commission adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative body of the Commission may continue to teleconference without compliance with Government Code Section 54953(b)(3).
- 5. The Commission shall conduct its meeting of November 9, 2022; by teleconference in compliance with the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of October, 2022.

MOTION:

Barger

SECOND: Matthews (Alt. for VACANT)

APPROVED: 6-1-0

AYES:

Barger, Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Davitt (Alt. for Finlay), Matthews (Alt. for VACANT),

Mirisch, Dear

NOES:

McCallum

ABSTAIN:

None.

ABSENT:

Finlay, Mitchell, Oschin

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Paul A. Novak, AICP Executive Officer