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Via Email

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Signature of AB 361

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes writes to express our support of AB 361, which will allow cities to continue to utilize teleconferencing during declared states of emergency, and thank you for signing the bill.

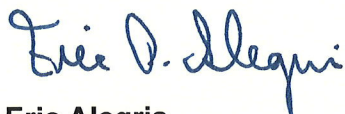
Since your Executive Order N-25-20 on March 12, 2020, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes has been conducting virtual or hybrid virtual/in-person meetings, in accordance with Health Officer Orders. Members of the public have been allowed to provide live comments to the City Council via Zoom teleconferencing or call-in information, in addition to limited in-person options.

Utilizing teleconferencing services increases transparency and accessibility for open and public meetings, and the ability to continue to utilize teleconferencing options is beneficial to democracy.

AB 361 will allow cities to continue to provide essential services while prioritizing health and safety of their residents and ensuring government transparency, access, and public engagement.

This bill provides local agencies with the flexibility to meet and act efficiently and effectively during emergency situations. For these reasons, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes appreciates your authorization of the bill, and subsequent Executive Order clarifying the effective date.

Sincerely,



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Mayor, City of Rancho Palos Verdes

cc. Ben Allen, Senator, 26th State Senate District
Al Muratsuchi, Assembly Member, 66th Assembly District
Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities
Rancho Palos Verdes City Council and City Manager