

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE POLICY FOR RECESSING AND RECONVENING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD PURSUANT TO THE BROWN ACT AND SENATE BILL 707 IN THE EVENT OF A DISRUPTION IN REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

**WHEREAS**, on October 3, 2025, California Governor Newsom signed into law Senate Bill 707, codified primarily at Section 54953.4 of the California Government Code (SB 707), which amended the Brown Act to diversify and increase public engagement in meetings of local legislative bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, as a requirement under SB 707, all qualified legislative bodies of local government agencies in California must now offer hybrid meetings through a two-way phone or video platform commencing on July 1, 2026, unless the technology is not available at the meeting location or the meeting qualifies for an exemption, such as an offsite tour; and

**WHEREAS**, as written, the State requirement to offer hybrid meetings will sunset on January 1, 2030 unless further legislative action is taken at the State level; and

**WHEREAS**, a qualified legislative body on the local level is defined as an elected legislative body empowered to enact local ordinances and regulations that govern the community; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 707 requires the City Council to formally adopt a policy, on or before July 1, 2026, establishing the procedure for recessing and reconvening a meeting in the event of a disruption of remote participation, and the efforts the City shall make to attempt to restore service.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:**

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2.** In compliance with recent legislative amendments enacted by Senate Bill 707 (primarily codified in Section 54953.4 of the California Government Code), beginning on July 1, 2026 and ending when the legislative enactments expire or are repealed, the City Council shall conduct its proceedings as hybrid meetings through a two-way phone or video platform, unless the technology is not available at the meeting location for a particular meeting, or the meeting qualifies for a bona fide exemption.

**SECTION 3.** In the event of a disruption in two-way remote participation, including, but not limited to Zoom, during a City Council meeting, the disruption of which prevents members of the public from remotely attending or observing the meeting, the City Council shall recess for no less than one hour, during which time City staff shall make good faith efforts to restore service.

**SECTION 4.** Should remote participation fail to be restored after good faith efforts are made, the City Council shall adopt, by roll-call vote, a formal finding affirming reasonable efforts were made to resolve the disruption, but having been unsuccessful, the public interest in resuming the meeting without remote participation outweighs further delay in conducting the meeting.

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by this Council.

**SECTION 6.** The Mayor shall sign this Resolution and the City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption thereof.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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Mayor, City of Claremont

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, City of Claremont

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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City Attorney, City of Claremont