

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE

Resolution No. 3.21

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS CONFERENCE AND THE ALAMEDA COUNTY CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE ADOPTING FINDINGS REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ARISING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WHICH WARRANT THE CONTINUATION OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Governor declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19 on March 4, 2020, which has been extended. Due to the COVID-19 Delta variant, many pandemic restrictions remain in place; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health has issued COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards which generally requires that face coverings be worn in shared rooms, and persons to be at least six feet apart; and

WHEREAS, public meetings involve many people in shared indoors spaces for hours, when the number of people present does not always allow for a minimum six foot distance between persons. Close contacts raise the risk of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors' Conference and Alameda County City Selection Committee does not typically have microphones at their public meetings resulting in persons needing to speak loudly or project their voices to be heard by the group. Speaking loudly indoors with others can raise the risk of the spread of aerosols with the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors' Conference and Alameda County City Selection Committee is comprised of elected leaders from various cities in Alameda County and identifying a room or location for each meeting that can maximize ventilation can be difficult since these meetings rotate monthly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 1. Finds that the public health, safety and welfare supports continual social distancing as a result of the transmissibility of the COVID-19 virus, such that in-person meetings create a health risk.

- A. That the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and City Selection Committee will continue to meet virtually to allow its members and members of the public to avoid exposure, maintain social distancing and avoid pre-screening for vaccination or symptoms which is impractical at the meetings.
- B. While meeting virtually the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the City Selection Committee will adhere to applicable open meeting requirements, including AB 361.

SECTION 2. This resolution will become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

SECTION 3. The Executive Director will certify to the passage of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference at its meeting held on October 13, 2021.

I, Steven Bocian, Executive Director of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference at its meeting held on the thirteenth day of October 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Ezzy Ashcraft, Gary, Hernandez, Martinez, Halliday, Woerner, Nagy, Schaaf, Gray
King, Brown, Russo Cutter, Dutra-Vernaci

NOES:

ABSENT: Arreguin, Mei

ABSTENTION: