

WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure Y – Citizens’ Oversight Committee

**FINDING REQUIRED UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 –
CONDUCTING MEETING WITH USE OF TELECONFERENCE FEATURE DURING TIME
OF EMERGENCY:**

Recent California legislation (Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) allows for the use of teleconferencing in public agency meetings upon certain findings being made.

AB 361 amends the Brown Act (specifically Government Code Section 54953) to add the following provision:

(e)(1) A local agency may use teleconferencing without complying with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) if the legislative body complies with the requirements of . . . this subdivision in any of the following circumstances:

AB 361 amends the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54953) to add the following provision:

If a state of emergency remains active, or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, in order to continue to teleconference . . . the legislative body shall, not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1), and every 30 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:

- (A) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and
- (B) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

Based on such legislation, and in order to proceed with the Measure Y – Citizens’ Oversight Committee using the teleconference feature, the Committee must make the following finding:

Suggested Motion: The Measure Y – Citizens’ Oversight Committee finds, based on current circumstances that (i) the Governor’s March 4, 2020, declaration of a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic remains in effect, (ii) due to the state of emergency meeting in person may present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, (iii) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the persons to meet safely in person due to the prevalence of the Delta variant, the indoor setting of meeting facilities, the potential presence of unvaccinated individuals attending meetings, the potential for noncompliance with mask wearing requirements, and desire to protect the health of immuno-compromised Committee members(s), staff and the public and (iv) that use of the teleconference feature for this meeting of the Committee is necessary to support the foregoing findings.