DATE: November 9, 2023

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Jim Kruse, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Action Item #1: Continuance of Teleconference Board of Commissioner

Meetings

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Resolution No.: 22-23-61

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners approve the attached resolution to continue teleconference and/or virtual Board of Commissioner Meetings as provided in State Assembly Bill 361.

## **DISCUSSION**

On March 4, 2020 the State of California Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-35-20 proclaimed a State of Emergency as a result of COVID-19. The Executive Orders authorized local agencies to utilize teleconferencing for remote meetings. California State Assembly Bill 361 amends the Ralph M. Brown Act to include new authorizations for remote meetings and was signed into law on September 16, 2021. The Bill extends the provisions of both Executive Orders until January 1, 2024.

## **FISCAL IMPACTS**

There is not a fiscal impact to the Housing Authority

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-23-61**

# RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCE AND/OR VIRTUAL MEETINGS AS PER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY BILL 361

**WHEREAS**, Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority has made teleconference meetings possible due to COVID19 and changes to the Brown Act issued by Executive Order N-29-20 from Governor Gavin Newsom; and

**WHEREAS,** California State Assembly Bill 361 amends the Ralph M. Brown Act to include new authorization for remote meetings, including remote public comment, for all local agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** California State Assembly Bill 361 extends the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, signed March 17, 2020 and Executive Order N-35-20 signed March 21, 2020 until January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill 361 would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency; and

WHEREAS a State of Emergency is defined when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, during a proclaimed state of emergency held for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and during a proclaimed state of emergency when the legislative body has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, as provided.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Commissioners of Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority, that

- 1. The above stated recitals are true and correct.
- 2. Teleconference and/or virtual meetings will continue to be utilized as in so much as declared in Assembly Bill 361.
- 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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