

RESOLUTION NO. CC 2026-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A POLICY ADDRESSING DISRUPTION OF TELEPHONIC OR INTERNET SERVICE DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.) establishes requirements for open and public meetings of local legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 707 (2025) amended the Brown Act to update teleconferencing and accessibility requirements, including provisions related to remote participation in public meetings; and

WHEREAS, Government Code § 54953.4(b)(1)(A) requires eligible legislative bodies, on or before July 1, 2026, to adopt at a noticed public meeting in open session, and not on the consent calendar, a policy addressing disruption of telephonic or internet service during meetings conducted with remote participation; and

WHEREAS, the required policy must address procedures for recessing and reconvening a meeting in the event of a disruption and the efforts the legislative body will make to attempt to restore service; and

WHEREAS, Government Code § 54953.4 further requires that, in the event of a disruption preventing members of the public from observing or participating in the meeting through a two-way telephonic or audiovisual platform, the legislative body shall recess the open session for at least one hour and make a good faith effort to restore service, and may not reconvene open session until at least one hour has passed or service has been restored, whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, if telephonic or internet service has not been restored upon reconvening, the legislative body must make findings by roll call vote that good faith efforts to restore service have been made and that the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a technology disruption policy is required to ensure compliance with state law and to promote transparency and continuity of public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the proposed policy addressing disruption of telephonic or internet service during meetings of the City of La Habra has been prepared in accordance with Government Code § 54953.4 and is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), no environmental review is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA DOES HEREBY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Policy. The City of La Habra hereby adopts the policy entitled “Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During Public Meetings,” substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. Implementation. The City Clerk of the City of La Habra is authorized and directed to implement the policy in coordination with city staff, legal counsel, and technology support staff, as appropriate.

Section 3. Minor Modifications. The City Manager of the City of La Habra may approve minor, non-substantive modifications to the policy as necessary to conform to applicable law, agency practices, or formatting requirements, provided such modifications do not materially alter the intent of the policy.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of June, 2026.

José Medrano
Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Barone, CMC
City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ORANGE } ss
CITY OF LA HABRA }

I, Rhonda J. Barone, CMC, City Clerk for the City of La Habra, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. CC 2026-__ introduced and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra held on the 1st day of June, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Witness my hand and the official seal of the City of La Habra this 1st day of June, 2026.

Rhonda J. Barone, CMC
City Clerk