



Fw: Support Remote Participation Item C.2. Rules Committee 5/13

From Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Date Mon 5/11/2026 10:40 AM

To Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 9:42 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Fw: Support Remote Participation Item C.2. Rules Committee 5/13

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From: Tevin Hendess [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2026 7:52 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Support Remote Participation Item C.2. Rules Committee 5/13

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Hello,

As someone who works full time, attends school, and looks after family, it is incredibly difficult to get all the way downtown in order to advocate in person for the things that matter to me. Participation from *all* members of the community is a cornerstone to a successful democracy which is why it is so important that we as a city do everything in our power to ensure that people have a voice.

With this in mind, I am strongly requesting that the city implement the Memorandum from Councilmembers Candelas, Ortiz, Cohen, and Casey Item C.2. Rules Committee 5/13 and restore remote participation for this week's upcoming budget discussion.

Thank you.

- Sincerely, Tevin Hendess, District 10

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Fw: Support for Reinstating Remote Participation - Item C.2. Rules 5/13

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Date Wed 5/13/2026 8:24 AM

To Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Jordan Moldow [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 11:56 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

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Honorable Councilmembers,

Please support the [memorandum from Candelas, Ortiz, Cohen, and Casey](#) regarding reinstating remote participation in public meetings.

I am fortunate to have the means to attend some city meetings in person. That is not the case for many. Having a healthy, equitable democracy means using the tools at our disposal to increase public participation. Remote public comment is one of those important tools.

These days, six years after the start of the COVID 19 pandemic, remote government meetings aren't even innovative anymore they are an expectation, not to mention a crucial prerequisite for achieving true accessibility. VTA, Caltrain, MTC, ABAG, the County of Santa Clara, and most (if not all?) of our neighboring cities have embraced remote public comments. San Jose should demonstrate that it *wants* to offer the same accommodations to its residents, by re adopting virtual public comment *before* the legally required deadline.

It has been 27 months since San Jose decided to get rid of virtual public comment, and 7 months since SB 707 was signed into law. Waiting until July 1st to reinstate virtual commenting isn't going to significantly improve the City's

preparedness. Whereas bringing it back early will make a huge difference for every resident who wants to make a difference in upcoming deliberations, most importantly the budget.

Virtual meetings benefit you as decisionmakers as well. You can occasionally attend remotely for just cause, without the usual Brown Act posting requirements. You don't have to worry about missing a crucial vote due to illness or taking care of a loved one. Without this flexibility, an illness means missing votes or risking getting your staff and colleagues sick.

Please adopt this memo with haste. Given that it is definitely in an existing workplan (San Jose needs to comply by July 1), I hope that it can skip workload analysis and move forwards immediately.

Best,

Jordan Moldow (speaking on my own behalf)

District 3, Japantown, 95112

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Outlook

Fw: Use of SB 707 Teleconferencing - Item C.2. Rules 5/13

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Date** Wed 5/13/2026 8:24 AM**To** Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

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BPAC Letter to City Council Advocating for Remote Participation signed.pdf;

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From: Jordan Moldow [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026 12:48 AM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Use of SB 707 Teleconferencing - Item C.2. Rules 5/13**[External Email. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources. [Learn more](#)]**

Honorable Councilmembers,

In addition to the [memorandum from Candelas, Ortiz, Cohen, and Casey](#) regarding reinstating remote participation "for City Council meetings and public hearings", please also:

1. Reintroduce remote participation for all public meetings of all City bodies, including citizen advisory bodies.
2. Approve the use of 54953.8.6(a) of the California Government Code ([SB 707 \(2025\)](#), [Durazo](#)), to allow citizen advisory bodies to decide for themselves, every six months, whether to allow their members to participate remotely.

On point 1, participating fully in the public process sometimes requires commenting at standing committees, citizen advisory bodies, or other City public bodies. Remote participation for public comment should be allowed at all of

these. This should similarly be reintroduced with haste.

On point 2, please see the attached memo from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, which was adopted at their regular meeting on February 23, 2026 and sent to the City Council.

Best,

Jordan Moldow (speaking on my own behalf)

Chairperson, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (for identification only)

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April 6th, 2025

City of San José
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: Approve the Use of SB 707 Teleconferencing for BPAC Meetings

Dear City of San José,

Pursuant to 54953.8.6(a)(4) of the California Government Code ([SB 707 \(2025\), Durazo](#)¹), the San José Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)² requests approval of the use of a two-way audiovisual platform for conducting our public meetings, and for our fellow citizen advisory bodies to conduct their public meetings, so that we may fully meet our obligations to connect with diverse, underrepresented residents.

BPAC duties include “To help [...] improve bicyclist and pedestrian safety” and “to promote and facilitate community engagement in bicycle and pedestrian issues.” Our target audience are members of the public who value safe active mobility on City streets, whether out of personal preference or because they do not have the ability and means to use automobiles for their daily needs. Given the vast geographic size of our City and the incompleteness of the bike network, many in that target audience face barriers to attending in-person meetings to offer public comments. Yet it is precisely those folks whom we need to engage with the most. At least two of our fellow citizen advisory committees have expressed similar concerns.^{3 4}

With 54953.8.6(a), advisory body members can also participate remotely. This enhances our flexibility in case of personal emergency, caregiving need, disability, illness, or other reasonable circumstances, without depriving the public of their right to engage with members in-person. Though 54953.8.6(a) is less restrictive on in-person requirements for citizen advisory bodies, we are committed as a body to meet an in-person quorum at nearly every meeting. As individuals, we are committed to making use of the remote option for just cause or rare circumstances, not for casual use.

Most other cities in our County, and most regional governing bodies (including VTA, MTC, and ABAG) have maintained remote meeting participation since 2020. It is inconsistent with San

¹ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB707

² [The BPAC](#) is a City of San José advisory body with the role of advising the Department of Transportation (DOT) on issues affecting active transportation in San José. Our public meetings are subject to the City’s Sunshine Resolution.

³ Youth Commission: “the decision [...] disproportionately affects youth [...] preventing us from actively engaging in civic discourse.”

<https://www.sjpl.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/142/2024/02/Youth-Commission-February-2024-Virtual-Public-Comment.pdf>

⁴ HCDC: <https://sanjose.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=12811796&GUID=41DB9C2B-5749-4F39-9A95-B66AFE3931C7>

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José's identity as a leader in innovation to offer fewer participation options than our neighboring cities. To promote equitable community engagement among those who lack reliable and safe transit options, we respectfully ask you to revise [the City policy](#)⁵ that eliminated remote meeting participation, and to utilize SB 707 flexibility for advisory committee members and for verbal comments from members of the public. This will ensure the residents we serve are not excluded by the very geography and infrastructure we are working to improve.

Sincerely,



Jordan Moldow, Chairperson

⁵ <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=108761>



Fw: Rules and Open Government Agenda item 2. May 13th 2026

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Technical Report: Securing Public Meetings Against Disruptive Online Behavior

Rules and Open Government Agenda item 2. May 13th 2026

Brian Darby [REDACTED]

Subject: Brown Act-Compliant Strategies for Digital Meeting Security

1. Some Ideas that might help prevent Zoom Interruptions.

The challenge of hosting online city council meetings is the requirement for **unrestricted public access** under the **Brown Act**, which often leaves the "digital door" open to anonymous disruptors. The goal of this report is to move the City from a "Live-to-Air" model to a "**Protected Broadcast**" model. By implementing a **20-second audio delay** and utilizing **Webinar-specific controls**, the City can effectively "silence" slurs and disruptions before they ever reach the public ear, without requiring user registration or identification.

2. The "Broadcast Shield" (Delay Mechanism)

The most critical vulnerability in current meetings is the lack of a "dump button." When a speaker uses a slur, it is heard instantly by everyone watching.

The Solution: Managed Latency

- **The Workflow:** Instead of streaming directly from Zoom to YouTube, the City should route the Zoom feed through a software intermediary like **OBS Studio** (Open Broadcaster Software).
- **Technical Implementation:** Inside OBS, a **20 to 30-second "Stream Delay"** is enabled in the Advanced Settings.
- **The "Kill Switch":** A staff member monitors the *real-time* Zoom feed. If a disruption occurs, they have a 20-second window to hit "Mute" or "Stop Stream" in OBS.
- **The Result:** The speaker is cut off on the public broadcast **before** their audio ever reaches the 20-second mark in the stream. The public sees a seamless transition to a "Technical Difficulty" slide.

3. Strategic Zoom Configuration

To prevent "visual" disruptions and unauthorized screen sharing, the meeting must be configured as a **Zoom Webinar**, not a standard Zoom Meeting.

Feature	Requirement	Benefit
Participant Role	View-Only Attendee	Prevents participants from turning on video or unmuting themselves.
Screen Sharing	Host Only	Eliminates the risk of "visual bombing" via shared graphics/videos.
Waiting Room	Enabled	Allows staff to scan for offensive usernames and "Remove" them before entry.
Chat/Q&A	Disabled	Prevents the text-based broadcast of slurs or links to harmful websites.

4. Brown Act Compliance & Public Comment

Per **Government Code § 54953.3**, we cannot require names or registration. We can, however, maintain order through these compliant steps:

- **Anonymous Entry:** Allow users to join with generic names (e.g., "Guest 1").
- **The "Allow to Talk" Protocol:** During public comment, the Clerk identifies a person (e.g., "The caller with the last four digits 1234"). The Clerk clicks "Allow to Talk." This grants the user **audio only** access.
- **SB 707 (2026) Authority:** Under the latest updates to California law, the presiding officer has the authority to remove individuals for "willful interruption." Utilizing a delay to mute a slur is a legal application of this authority to maintain the decorum required for a legislative session.

5. Operational Roles

For this to succeed, a **two-person moderation team** is recommended:

1. **The Meeting Moderator (City Clerk):** Manages the "Raise Hand" queue and calls on speakers.
2. **The Technical Safety Officer (IT/AV Staff):** Manages the OBS Delay and the "Kill Switch." This person focuses exclusively on the audio feed to ensure no inappropriate content bypasses the 20-second buffer.

6. Conclusion

By decoupling the "Active Meeting" (Council and Speakers) from the "Public Broadcast" (YouTube/Cable), the City of San Jose can provide a safe, professional environment for governance. This technical solution removes the "incentive" for trolls—the guaranteed audience—thereby protecting both the Council and the community from harassment. I hope you find it helpful.

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CC 6-2-26 Item 3.3

From Martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]>
Date Sun 5/31/2026 11:07 AM
To Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; Martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]> Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; Campos, Pamela <Pamela.Campos@sanjoseca.gov>; Ramirez, Lucas <lucas.ramirez@sanjoseca.gov>

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Please put the attached letter in the CC 6 2 26 packet

Item 3.3

If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality. Desmond Tutu

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LEAGUE

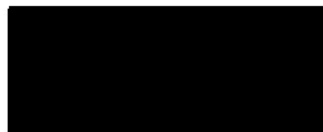


GSMOL Region Manager Region 1 Zone A-1

May 31, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Martha O'Connell, GSMOL Regional Manager
Region 1 Zone A-1



RE: CC meeting June 2, 2026

Item 3.3

I fully support the Candelas, Ortiz, Cohen, and Casey memo on restoring remote participation for Council meetings now so that the public may comment on the budget.

Additionally, I urge the Council to restore remote participation for City Commissions and Boards.

I will not repeat the reasons why remote participation is so important. The Candelas et al memo addresses current equitable access barriers on page 3. Many other submissions on this item also address the same issue.

For over two years, many Mobilehome owners and their representatives, myself included, have been silenced because we cannot speak at the Housing and Community Development Commission unless we come to City Hall.

San Jose can do better.

Address this issue of Boards and Commissions in the fall and fix it. Mobilehome owners deserve better.



CC Meeting June 2, 2026 Item 3.3

From Glenna Howcroft <[REDACTED]>
Date Sun 5/31/2026 12:08 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mavor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED] District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; [REDACTED] District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Martha O'Connell <[REDACTED]> Glenna Howcroft <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am in full support of the Candelas, Ortiz, Cohen, and Casey memo to restore remote participation for Council meetings now to offer the public the opportunity to comment on the budget.

Also, I exhort the Council to immediately restore remote participation for City Comissions and Board Meetings.

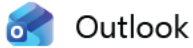
Remote participation is critical for seniors, disabled, working parents, those who have jobs who cannot leave to attend meetings. We have been shut out from participation for over two years.

This is a sad commentary for a progressive city as San Jose. In fact, San Jose can do better.

Please address this problem of Boards and Commissions in the fall and correct this distressing problem.

Thank you for your time,
 Glenna Howcroft
 D-7 Mobilehome Resident

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FW: Remote Input ~ Public Accessibility

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Rebecca Gallardo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 10:51 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Rebecca Gallardo <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Remote Input ~ Public Accessibility

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Hello,

Recommend having remote access for the public.
It is critical to representation and citizens feedback.

Rebecca Gallardo

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FW: Item 3.3 at 6/2/26 Council Meeting -- Catalyze SV Supports Remote Participation in Meetings

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 6/1/2026 2:08 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Alex Shoor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 1:45 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 3.3 at 6/2/26 Council Meeting -- Catalyze SV Supports Remote Participation in Meetings

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CATALYZE SV

Since Catalyze SV's founding in 2017, we've advocated for a more inclusive community engagement process that encourages and enables a greater number and diversity of voices to participate in local government.

We thank Councilmembers Candelas, Cohen, Casey & Ortiz for their 5/7 memo, which we back. We support reinstating remote participation and amendments to Council Policy 0-37.

Government shines brightest when it is in the daylight and in the spotlight. The City of San Jose should continue to explore ways like tomorrow's effort to bring more stakeholders into government decisions, including through city commissions and other public meetings.

Thank you,
Alex

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Alex Shoor
Executive Director | Catalyze SV
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FW: Support for Reinstating Remote Public Participation at San José City Council Meetings

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 6/1/2026 2:33 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Libier Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 2:17 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support for Reinstating Remote Public Participation at San José City Council Meetings

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Dear City Clerk and Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

On behalf of LEAF (Latinas Education Advancement Foundation), we respectfully urge the San José City Council to adopt the proposed policy changes that would restore remote public participation at City Council meetings and ensure compliance with SB 707.

Remote participation is a critical tool for increasing civic engagement and advancing equitable access to local government. Many community members face barriers that make in-person attendance difficult, including work schedules, caregiving responsibilities, transportation challenges, disabilities, health concerns, and language access needs. Providing a remote option allows more residents – especially those from historically underserved communities – to participate in decisions that directly affect their lives.

At LEAF, we work closely with students, families, and community members across East San Jose. We have seen firsthand how flexible participation options empower individuals who might otherwise be excluded from civic processes. Restoring remote public comment would help ensure that all residents have a meaningful opportunity to engage with their local government, regardless of their circumstances.

We strongly support the reinstatement of remote participation for City Council meetings and encourage the Council to adopt the proposed policy changes.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to inclusive and accessible civic engagement.

Sincerely,

Libier Gonzalez (She/Her/Ella)
Family and Advocacy Program Director
[REDACTED]



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FW: Reinstate Remote Participation at City Council Meetings for June 8 Meeting

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Jessica Matthew <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 6:06 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Reinstate Remote Participation at City Council Meetings for June 8 Meeting

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City Clerk Toni Taber,

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to ask your support for the memorandum from Cms. Candelas, Ortiz, Cohen and Casey to reinstate remote participation in council meetings by June 8 to allow expanded participation for the June budget deliberations. This is essential for participation by disabled persons, parents and caregivers, and those with work and related conflicts and will ensure all are heard for this important topic.

Additionally, I ask for remote participation for all public meetings of all City bodies, including citizen advisory bodies.

Thank you.

Jessica Matthew
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Los Gatos, California 95030 2360

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 6/2/2026 7:45 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Kelly McAuley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 6:09 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Reinstate Remote Participation at City Council Meetings for June 8 Meeting

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City Clerk Toni Taber,

Dear Councilmembers,

As a member of the public with a compromised immune system, I am writing to ask your support for the memorandum from Cms. Candelas, Ortiz, Cohen and Casey to reinstate remote participation in council meetings by June 8 to allow expanded participation for the June budget deliberations. This is essential for participation by disabled persons, parents and caregivers, and those with work and related conflicts and will ensure all are heard for this important topic. It is a risk for me to show up to speak when the crowds are large, even with a mask, as it is regularly difficult to distance from others. We are the "Center of Silicon Valley" so we should have an electronic forum for our public to speak up!

Additionally, I ask for remote participation for all public meetings of all City bodies, including citizen advisory bodies.

Thank you.

Kelly McAuley

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95131

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
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From: Laura Skye C <[REDACTED]>
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Thank you,
Laura Comoletti

Laura Skye C
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/2/2026 7:46 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Jennette Holzworth <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 7:05 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Thank you.

Jennette Holzworth
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95128 3242

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/2/2026 7:46 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Valerie Linford <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 7:30 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Thank you.

Valerie Linford

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Redwood City, California 94061

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Michael Brown <[REDACTED]>
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Thank you.

Michael Brown
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[REDACTED]
San Jose, California 95125 4713

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From: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue 6/2/2026 7:46 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Katya Weiss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 7:35 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Reinstate Remote Participation at City Council Meetings for June 8 Meeting

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City Clerk Toni Taber,

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to ask your support for the memorandum from Cms. Candelas, Ortiz, Cohen and Casey to reinstate remote participation in council meetings by June 8 to allow expanded participation for the June budget deliberations. This is essential for participation by disabled persons, parents and caregivers, and those with work and related conflicts and will ensure all are heard for this important topic.

Additionally, I ask for remote participation for all public meetings of all City bodies, including citizen advisory bodies.

Thank you.

Katya Weiss

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95118

FW: Reinstate Remote Participation at City Council Meetings for June 8 Meeting

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/2/2026 7:46 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Colin Fahrenthold <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 7:40 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Thank you.

Colin Fahrenthold

[REDACTED]
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palo alto, California 94303

FW: Reinstate Remote Participation at City Council Meetings for June 8 Meeting

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/2/2026 7:47 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Shawna Nixon <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 8:05 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Additionally, I ask for remote participation for all public meetings of all City bodies, including citizen advisory bodies.

Increased participation is a good thing in a democracy. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shawna Rose Robbins Nixon

Shawna Nixon

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

San Jose, California 95112-1841

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/2/2026 7:47 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Deborah StJulien <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 9:04 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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City Clerk Toni Taber,

Dear Councilmembers,

I am a District 2 resident, a member of SURJ SCC.

I am writing to ask your support for the memorandum from Cms. Candelas, Ortiz, Cohen and Casey to reinstate remote participation in council meetings by June 8 to allow expanded participation for the June budget deliberations. This is essential for participation by disabled persons, parents and caregivers, and those with work and related conflicts and will ensure all are heard for this important topic.

I understand you are planning on re-instating this beginning July 1 to comply with California State law. I agree with Candelas, Casey, Ortiz and Cohen. Start making remote participation available by June 8.

Additionally, I ask for remote participation for all public meetings of all City bodies, including citizen advisory bodies.

Thank you.

Deborah St. Julien

Dr Resident

Member SURJ SCC

Deborah StJulien



San Jose, California 95136

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FW: ADVOCATE: Support Reinstating Remote Participation at the San José City Council!

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: manu martin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 11:20 PM
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Call to Action: Support Reinstating Remote Participation at the San José City Council!

To: SAN JOSE 'City Clerk'

I advocate for San José City Council will consider adopting changes to its Council policy to restore remote participation and comply with SB 707. I am a community member who would like to be able to give public comment in person at City Council meetings.

Again I advocate remote participation to ensure equitable access for individuals with disabilities, older adults, working families, or transit-dependent individuals.

Thank you for listening to my Voice.

Manu Martinez, Retired and a senior
WILLOW GLENN RESIDENT

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FW: Remote Participation - Council 6/2 Item 3.3

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 6/2/2026 1:33 PM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Jordan Moldow <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 1:20 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> District1
<[REDACTED]> District4 <[REDACTED]> District9 <[REDACTED]> District2
<[REDACTED]> District3 <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]> District5
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<[REDACTED]>
Subject: Remote Participation - Council 6/2 Item 3.3

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City Councilmembers, please:

1. Support the [memorandum from Candelas, Ortiz, Cohen, and Casey](#) regarding immediately reinstating remote participation in City Council meetings.
2. Immediately reinstate remote participation for all public meetings of all City bodies, including citizen advisory bodies.
3. Support SB 707 hybrid board participation for members of citizen advisory committees, as requested by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Approve the use of 54953.8.6(a) of the California Government Code ([SB 707 \(2025\), Durazo](#)), to allow citizen advisory bodies to decide for themselves, every six months, whether to allow their members to participate remotely.
4. Oppose reducing the default speaking time limit - for all meetings of all bodies - to one minute.

Thank you to Councilmembers Candelas, Ortiz, Cohen, and Casey for bringing the proposal forward, and thank you to the Rules Committee for bringing it to Council. Having a healthy, equitable democracy means using the tools at our disposal to increase public participation.

Participating fully in the public process also requires commenting at standing committees and citizen advisory bodies. Remote participation for public comment should be immediately allowed at all of them. For example, the Planning Commission continues to have meetings to work on the important General Plan 4-Year Review, and next week T&E is meeting to discuss Vision Zero. The public should not have to continue to wait for an unspecified time in the fall to be able to resume remote participation in these meetings.

One minute is not long enough for a default speaking time. I urge you to reject this aspect of the Clerk's proposed changes to Council Policy 0-37. With only 60 seconds to speak, you can lose +10% of your speaking time just to introduce yourself properly. It is not enough time to convey an argument

on a complex piece of policy, and leads to low-quality and rushed comments. Most agenda items at most public meetings (even City Council meetings) do not have the volume of speakers that requires lowering speaking times to sixty seconds, but this policy blindly applies that small threshold to all bodies.

I instead support using a formula for speaking time, as done by the County. They have different time limits depending on whether there are <10 speakers for the agenda item, <20 speakers, or >20 speakers. I suggest 2 minutes, 90 seconds, and 60 seconds, respectively, with those thresholds.

If Council really wants to stop using two minutes for its own meetings, I suggest a ninety second default for Council, and continuing with two minutes for all other meetings. Ninety seconds is a reasonable amount of speaking time, and is a good compromise for minimizing time spent on public comment. Sixty seconds is not reasonable, and should be reserved only for extremely busy agenda items.

The Clerk should also facilitate groups of in-person commenters speaking together with a shared timer. This increases efficiency (less dead time between speakers), and allows more complex, less repetitive talking points to be conveyed. For remote commenters, I suggest giving verbal encouragement that speakers avoid repetitive comments, and simple Support/Oppose positions when possible.

With the updated Council Policy, I hope the Clerk can also be more rigorous about cutting off speakers who are wasting time with off-topic comments. Not just rude commenters, but well meaning commenters as well.

Best,
Jordan Moldow (speaking on my own behalf)
District 3, Japantown, 95112

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