



STAFF REPORT TO COMMUNITY AND LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION (CLSC)

TO: Chair Yamamoto and Members of the CLSC Commission

SUBMITTED BY: Christopher Roke, Parks and Recreation Director

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2026

TOPIC: Remote Participation

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is following up on the request to look into remote participation options for the Community and Library Services Commission. Staff has returned to share findings. There is no action needed for this item

BACKGROUND:

Assembly Bill 2449 (AB 2449) was signed into law by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 13, 2022. AB 2449 governs remote participation for government meetings. AB 2449's provisions were set to sunset on January 1, 2026, so the legislature adopted Senate Bill 707 (SB 707) which both amended and extended AB 2449's remote participation provisions. SB 707 combined the previous "just cause" and "emergency circumstances" provisions to form a single "just cause" category of acceptable reasons that a member can participate in a meeting remotely via teleconference.

The current teleconferencing rules still allow legislative bodies, such as this Commission, to have members attend meetings both by physical attendance and remote attendance for members under certain specified circumstances. The rules require that at least a quorum of members of the local legislative body participate in person from a single physical, public location clearly identified on the agenda and within the local agency's territorial jurisdiction. If the physical attendance quorum requirement is met, a member can request virtual attendance at the local legislative body's meeting under seven circumstances for "just cause." The statute defines just cause as:

1. childcare or caregiving needs of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner,
2. a contagious illness,
3. a need related to a physical or medical condition,
4. travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency,
5. an immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner requires the member to participate remotely,
6. a physical or family medical emergency, or
7. military service obligations.

ANALYSIS:

Staff will review the attached flow chart to ensure that the requirements for any remote participation requests meet the conditions in Gov. Code section 54953.8.3.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Updated Remote Participation Flow Chart