



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

September 26, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 2449 (Blanca Rubio) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences**
City of Beverly Hills – **REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I request that you **SIGN AB 2449** into law. This measure would provide ongoing authorization, through January 1, 2026, for remote participation by members of a local agency legislative body, and to provide flexibility for local agencies to utilize teleconference options. **AB 2449** also requires that the location of the in-person meeting be clearly identified on the agenda, be open to the public, and take place at a location that is within the boundaries of the local agency's jurisdiction.

We are pleased to see that the author amended **AB 2449** in response to concerns raised by our city and many other local jurisdictions. This measure has been amended to remove provisions from the bill that would have required a legislative body to conduct meetings subject to the Brown Act consistent with applicable state and federal civil rights, language access, and other nondiscrimination laws.

We, along with the League of California Cities and other local jurisdictions had raised concerns that there were no generally applicable 'language access' laws for Brown Act meetings, and this reference would likely generate confusion and potential litigation.

Under AB 361 (Robert Rivas, Statutes of 2021) and Executive Orders issued by Governor Newsom, local agencies were able to utilize remote participation for elected officials and for the public during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Those measures have allowed local agencies to continue to conduct the public's business in a safe manner.

AB 2449 builds off the increased flexibility in AB 361 and modernizes the Brown Act by allowing local elected officials to participate remotely without having to share the address of their whereabouts through January 1, 2026.

For these reasons, we request that you **SIGN AB 2449**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lili Bosse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lili Bosse,
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator 26th District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblymember, 50th District
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