

**Resolution #21/11-1
Recognizing a State of Emergency and
Re-authorizing Teleconferenced Meetings Pursuant to AB361**

WHEREAS, in response to the novel coronavirus (“COVID’19”) pandemic, Governor Newsom adopted a series of Executive Orders allowing the legislative bodies of local governments to meet remotely via teleconference so long as other provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”) were followed; and

WHEREAS, on Sept. 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB361, which immediately amended the Brown Act allowing governing boards to continue holding virtual meetings outside the teleconferencing requirements of Government Code section 54953(b) if the board makes a finding that there is a proclaimed State of Emergency, and either (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures, or (2) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a statewide emergency arising from COVID-19 pursuant to Government Code section 8625; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2021, the governing board of the **Ventura County Adult Education Consortium passed Resolution 21/11-1** authorizing virtual board meetings for a 30-day period from November 12, 2021, to December 11, 2021, pursuant to AB 361. **Re-Authorizing virtual board meetings** for 30 day period from **January 13 to February 3, 2023**, and

WHEREAS, AB 361 requires governing boards to make findings every 30 days that the board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency and that either the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person, or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and fully incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing board of the **Ventura County Adult Education Consortium** recognizes that a State of Emergency in the State of California continues to exist due to the COVID-19 pandemic,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency and finds that COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent threat to the health and safety of the community and directly impacts the ability of the members to meet safely in person

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the governing board of the **Ventura County Adult Education Consortium** authorizes the use of teleconferencing for all meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and all other applicable provisions of the Brown Act, for a period of thirty (30) days from the adoption of this resolution, or such a time that the Governing Board adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

ADOPTED, SIGNED, AND APPROVED this 13 day of January 2023, by the Board of the **Ventura County Adult Education Consortium** of Ventura County, California, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 9 (S.Abajian, L.Lary, L.Carbajal, R.Gillette, A.Henrey, A.Mejia-Holdsworth, A.Penner, M.Sanders, C.Vang-Walker)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (C.Herrera)

Mike Sanders

**Mike Sanders, Chair, Governing Board
Ventura County Adult Education Consortium**