CAC RESOLUTION NO. 22-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CLOVIS AUTHORIZING REMOTE COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 (AB 361)

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California declared a state of emergency in the State as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 20-20 approved by the Clovis City Council on March 16, 2020, the City Council declared a local emergency as a result of the threatened spread of COVID-19 in the City, surrounding areas, and the state; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, with the issuance of Executive Order N-29-20, the Governor suspended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow local legislative bodies to conduct meetings telephonically or by other remote means; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, which placed an end date of September 30, 2021, for agencies to meet remotely; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 was enacted on September 16, 2021, immediately amending Government Code Section 54953 of the Brown Act to authorize local agencies to use teleconferencing and videoconferencing without complying with the typical teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Brown Act when a local agency legislative body holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency and other requirements are satisfied; and

WHEREAS, neither the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, nor the state of emergency declared by the Clovis City Council on March 16, 2020, has been rescinded and the state of emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has determined that teleconferencing from remote locations by the public and members of the Committee will not limit attendance or participation of members of the public or Committee members at Committee meetings, and requiring all Committee members and all members of the public to attend meetings in person could present risks to the health or safety of some attendees.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CLOVIS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Committee finds that the State and local declarations of emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic remain in place.
- 2. The Committee finds that, as a result of the declared emergency resulting from COVID-19, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees of Committee meetings.

3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately and shall be a standing item on Committee meeting agendas not more than every 30 days to reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and determine whether the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public and Committee members to meet safely in person, or whether state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, until this Resolution is rescinded.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly approved at a meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on January 26, 2022, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

Chair Chris Casado, Vice-Chair Greg Newman, Enrique Avila, Stephanie Babb, Karen Bak, Adriana Boyajian, Stacey Brinkley, Lauren Butler, Karen Chisum, Noha Elbaz, Elba Gomez, Eulalio Gomez, Kintutu Kilabi, Thomas Klose, Chris Milton, Drew Mosher, Diane Pearce, David Samarco,

LaDonna Snow, Jacob Ulam, Woua Vang, Jim Verros, Jay Virk, Rachel

Youdelman, Blake Zante

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

DATED:

January 26, 2022

Chair

City Clerk