



STAFF REPORT
6/24/2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Gustavo Romo, City Manager

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SUBJECT: A Disruption Policy Pursuant to Senate Bill 707

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt a policy addressing disruptions at Council meetings in compliance with Senate Bill 707.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 707 (SB 707) updates teleconferencing and accessibility requirements under the Brown Act, including new provisions related to remote participation and public access to meetings.

On or before July 1, 2026, legislative bodies must adopt a policy to address a disruption of the meeting that would prevent public participation or access and provide a two-way telephonic or audiovisual platform for public participation.

BACKGROUND:

On October 3, 2025, SB 707 was signed, bringing significant updates to the Ralph M. Brown Act by modernizing rules for public meetings and expanding public access. The Brown Act establishes requirements for open meetings of local legislative bodies. SB 707 updates provisions related to remote participation options for the public and requires a policy that addresses potential disruptions to City Council meetings.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The proposed Disruption Policy establishes procedures for responding to interruptions in remote meeting access, including temporary recess procedures, restoration efforts, reconvening requirements, and documentation standards. Adoption of the policy ensures the City remains compliant with State law while preserving transparency and public participation during public meetings.

The proposed Disruption Policy establishes procedures consistent with Government Code Section 54953.4. The policy provides a framework for maintaining public transparency while allowing meetings to continue in situations where technological interruptions occur despite good faith restoration efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This policy does not have a direct fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Disruption Policy pursuant to Senate Bill 707