

RESOLUTION 2026 -

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS DETERMINING WHAT CONSTITUTES REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.) establishes requirements for open and public meetings of local legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 707 (2025) amended the Brown Act to include additional requirements intended to encourage participation in public meetings, particularly among communities that do not traditionally participate in public meetings and non-English-speaking communities; and

WHEREAS, Government Code § 54953.4(b)(3)(C) requires the Town Council to determine and make reasonable efforts to invite groups that do not traditionally participate in public meetings to attend those meetings; and

WHEREAS, such reasonable efforts may include outreach to media organizations serving the jurisdiction, including those serving non-English-speaking communities, as well as civic, neighborhood, community-based, civil rights, good government, and media organizations; and

WHEREAS, Government Code § 54953.4(b)(3)(C)(ii) provides legislative bodies with broad discretion in determining appropriate reasonable efforts and clarifies that no action shall arise from failing to provide notice to any specific group; and

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to promoting transparency, accessibility, and broad public participation in its public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Town currently uses a variety of communication methods to inform the public of meetings and opportunities to participate; and

WHEREAS, the activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), no environmental review is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos as follows:

Section 1. Determination of Reasonable Efforts. The Town Council determines that any of the following constitute reasonable efforts to encourage participation in meetings pursuant to Government Code § 54953.4(b)(3)(C):

1. **Media Outreach.** The Town may include media organizations serving the jurisdiction, including media organizations serving non-English-speaking communities, in the distribution of meeting agendas, notices, or other meeting-related information, as appropriate.
2. **Electronic Access and Agenda Subscriptions.** The Town shall maintain methods for members of the public to access meeting agendas and related materials electronically, including through the Town's website or other regular agenda-posting platform. Where available, the Town may also provide options for members of the public to subscribe to receive meeting agendas, notices, or other updates.
3. **Multilingual Communication.** The Town may use multilingual communication methods, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law and available resources. The type, scope, and extent of such communications may vary depending on the circumstances, community needs, and available resources..
4. **Community and Organizational Outreach.** The Town may provide meeting information through existing communication channels and partnerships with community-based organizations, neighborhood groups, civic organizations, civil rights organizations, good government organizations, media organizations, and organizations serving non-English-speaking communities, as opportunities arise and consistent with available resources.
5. **Use of Existing Communication Channels.** The Town may use existing outreach methods to share meeting information and participation opportunities, including, but not limited to, the agency website, email notifications, agenda subscription services, newsletters, social media platforms, public counters, bulletin boards, community meetings, and other established communication tools

Section 2. Flexible Framework. The efforts identified in this Resolution are intended to provide a flexible framework for outreach and public participation. The Town may modify, expand, or adjust its outreach methods over time based on available resources, evolving communication practices, changes in technology, and the needs of the community.

Section 3. No Requirement to Provide Notice to Any Specific Group. Consistent with Government Code Section 54953.4(b)(3)(C)(ii), this Resolution does not require notice to any specific group or organization, and no action shall arise from the failure to provide notice to any specific group or organization.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the 16th of June, 2026, by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA