

**RESOLUTION NO. 6742**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NEW CITY COUNCIL POLICY ADDRESSING A DISRUPTION OF TELEPHONIC OR INTERNET SERVICE DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (SB 707)**

WHEREAS, On October 3, 2025, Governor Newsom signed into law Senate Bill 707 (SB 707), which amended the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.) (“Brown Act”) to expand public access and participation in local government meetings; and

WHEREAS, SB 707 amended the Brown Act to update teleconferencing and accessibility requirements, including provisions related to remote participation in public meetings; and

WHEREAS, Government Code § 54953.4(b)(1)(A) requires eligible legislative bodies, on or before July 1, 2026, to adopt at a noticed public meeting in open session, and not on the consent calendar, a policy addressing disruption of telephonic or internet service during meetings conducted with remote participation; and

WHEREAS, the required policy must address procedures for recessing and reconvening a meeting in the event of a disruption and the efforts the legislative body will make to attempt to restore service; and

WHEREAS, Government Code § 54953.4 further requires that, in the event of a disruption preventing members of the public from observing or participating in the meeting through a two-way telephonic or audiovisual platform, the legislative body shall recess the open session for at least one hour and make a good faith effort to restore service, and may not reconvene open session until at least one hour has passed or service has been restored, whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, if telephonic or internet service has not been restored upon reconvening, the legislative body must make findings by roll call vote that good faith efforts to restore service have been made and that the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a technology disruption policy is required to ensure compliance with state law and to promote transparency and continuity of public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the proposed policy addressing disruption of telephonic or internet service during meetings of the City Council meeting has been prepared in accordance with Government Code § 54953.4 and is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, AND RESOLVE, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. Adoption of Policy.** The City Council hereby adopts the policy entitled "Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During Public Meetings," substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.


**SECTION 2. Implementation.** The Assistant City Clerk is authorized and directed to implement the policy in coordination with agency staff, legal counsel, and technology support staff, as appropriate.

**SECTION 3. Minor Modifications.** The City Attorney may approve minor, non-substantive modifications to the policy as necessary to conform to applicable law, agency practices, or formatting requirements, provided such modifications do not materially alter the intent of the policy.

**SECTION 4.** That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption, and the Policy shall become operative on July 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; shall cause the same to be entered among the original Resolutions of said City; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.


Passed, approved, and adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2026.

  
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TASHA CERDA, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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CARMEN VASQUEZ, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    ) SS:  
CITY OF GARDENA                )

I, **MINA SEMENZA**, City Clerk of the City of Gardena, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Resolution, being **Resolution No. 6742** duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City of Gardena, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the **23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2026**, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:    MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON AND COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA,  
          MAYOR CERDA AND COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS

NOES:    NONE

ABSENT:  COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE

*for* Becky Romero  
City Clerk of the City of Gardena, California

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