



# **NORTH COUNTY LIBRARY AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**11:00 AM - Friday, December 16, 2022**

*Videoconference*

**Please Note: Per California Executive Order N-29-20, the North County Library Authority will meet via Telephone/Video Conference only.**

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**Public testimony will be taken at the direction of the President, and members of the public may only comment during times allotted for public comments.**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**Comment Period. According to State Law (also known as “the Brown Act”) items must first be noticed on the agenda before any discussion or action.**

## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

- 1. Declaration of Local Health Emergency – Necessitating Hosting Virtual Commission Meeting;** Adoption of Resolution 2023-07

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 23-07**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH COUNTY LIBRARY**  
**AUTHORITY DECLARING THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL**  
**EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE CONTINUING**  
**NEED TO CONDUCT REMOTE MEETINGS AND MAKING RELATED**  
**FINDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor issued a proclamation of a state of emergency relating to the respiratory illness known as COVID-19, which is caused by the novel corona virus SARS-CoV-2; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the existence of a pandemic due to the global spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Santa Clara County Health Officer issued the first of successive orders requiring all individuals residing in the County to shelter in their places of residence as specified, to socially distance, and to take other measures to prevent community spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued a statewide shelter-in-place order; and on August 28, 2020, the Governor announced a “Blueprint for a Safer Economy,” which provided protocols for slowly reopening the state’s economy following the initial shelter-in-place mandate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor lifted the Blueprint for a Safer Economy on June 15, 2021, and local health restrictions were lifted due to sharp declines in COVID-19 case counts since vaccines first became available; and

**WHEREAS**, despite progress in addressing the pandemic, not all eligible individuals are fully vaccinated, and new, more virulent variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus are spreading in California and throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the California Department of Public Health, by July 21, 2021, nearly 85 percent of new COVID-19 cases in California were caused by the highly contagious “Delta” variant; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the spread of the Delta variant and because not all eligible persons are vaccinated yet, the incidence of COVID-19 infection is again on the rise in Santa Clara County; and



**WHEREAS**, as a result of rising case counts, on August 2, 2021, the Santa Clara County Health Officer issued a new health order requiring the use of face coverings indoors by all persons; and

**WHEREAS**, by the beginning of October 2021, over 1,800 Santa Clara County residents had died of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the Delta variant, the “Omicron” variant has spread across the Bay Area, the state and nationwide, causing an additional spike in COVID-19 cases and creating significantly higher risks of infection and hospitalization;

**WHEREAS**, despite significant progress, COVID-19 remains a threat to public health and safety in the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills communities; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the rise in cases due to the Delta and Omicron variants, the State continues to strongly recommend face coverings in areas such as public transit, high-risk locations and indoor public settings; similarly, the County Health Department continues to require full vaccination in high-risk settings and workplaces and recommends face coverings in various public settings, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) continues to recommend physical distancing of at least six feet (6’) from others outside of the household; and

**WHEREAS**, the North County Library Authority (“Authority”) previously adopted resolutions declaring the existence of a local health emergency and declaring the continuing needs to conduct its meetings via teleconference for the protection of public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has again reconsidered the circumstances of the Governor’s state of emergency proclamation pursuant to Government Code section 8625, which remains active; and

**WHEREAS**, the circumstances described under previously adopted resolutions continue to exist and the Authority continues to be concerned about the health and safety of all individuals who intend to attend legislative body meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, in view of the ongoing health crisis, the Authority now desires to affirm it is safer for the community and members of the Commission to continue with remote meetings at this time.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the North County Library Authority that:

1. The above recitals are true and correct, and incorporated into this Resolution.



2. The Authority has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and reviewed local and State public health guidance, and data and information from the Santa Clara County Health Department, which support the continuance of measures including hosting virtual meetings to protect the community due to COVID-19, and finds, based on substantial evidence:
  - a. that the state of emergency continues to impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person;
  - b. state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and
  - c. the Authority continues to need to be able to meet remotely due to present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. The Authority continues to authorize teleconference meetings for its legislative body(s) in order to better ensure the health and safety of the public.
4. The Liaison is hereby directed to report to the Authority within thirty (30) days on the need for further continue teleconference meeting.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the North County Library Authority at a meeting thereof on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:  
 NOES:  
 ABSENT:  
 ABSTAIN:

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 Cindy Hill, PRESIDENT

Attest:

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 Angel Rodriguez  
 Interim City Clerk, City of Los Altos