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**CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

**NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY  
PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (“AB 361”), WHICH AMENDED  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 TO ALLOW LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES  
TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

**ACCORDINGLY, BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A CONFERENCE  
CALL NUMBER; THEY WILL NOT BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN ANY CHAMBERS.**

**PURSUANT TO AB 361, THE PUBLIC MAY PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT  
TELEPHONICALLY BY CALLING (669) 900-6833, 6476620089# OR (ZOOM  
MEETING ID: 647 662 0089).**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023**

**10:00 A.M.**

**A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Board Members:      Alejandra Cortez, Vice Chair - *Bell Gardens*  
                                 Hugo Argumedo, Chair – *Commerce*  
                                 Emma Sharif, Treasurer – *Compton*  
                                 Jose Gonzalez, Member – *Cudahy*  
                                 Victor Farfan, Secretary – *Hawaiian Gardens*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

***Public participation is now open. The members of the audience now have the right to speak on agenda items and any item under the jurisdiction of the Authority. This***

***period will be limited to thirty minutes, with no more than three minutes for each speaker. Anyone desiring to speak during the public comment period must submit an email request [juan@sixheron.com](mailto:juan@sixheron.com), or to the Authority Secretary via Zoom prior to the close of public participation. Due to policy and Brown Act requirements, action will not be taken on any issues not on the Agenda.***

*Please state your name and address clearly.*

### **NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

1. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and authorize remote teleconference meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the period from January 18, 2023 through February 17, 2023, pursuant to Brown Act provisions.
2. Presentation to the Honorable Jesse Alvarado of the City of Hawaiian Gardens for his Service as a Board Member of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Board.
3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board.
4. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated January 18, 2023.
5. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2023.
6. Status update & report from California Advocacy, LLC with respect to legislative matters.
7. Consideration and possible action regarding resumption of in-person meetings of the JPA Board of Directors.
8. Report of General Counsel  
  
Pursuant to Government Code § 54954.2 (a)(3) – A report to the Board of Directors and the public on General Counsel’s activities, including compliance efforts, approval of contracts as to form, receipt of notices, and requests to place matters on subsequent agendas (excluding any matters qualifying for closed session consideration).
9. Executive Director Report/Summary

### **NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION**

10. None

**CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

*This is the time and place for the Chairman and Board Members to report on any other items of interest. Upon request by an individual Board Member, the Authority may choose to take action on any of the subject matters listed below.*

Member Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Secretary Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Treasurer Sharif (Compton)

Vice Chair Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Chair Argumedo (Commerce)

**ADJOURN**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, telephonically and via Zoom pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.



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**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Governing Board  
**FROM:** Victor Ponto, General Counsel  
**SUBJECT:** **Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the Period from January 18, 2023, through February 17, 2023, pursuant to Brown Act Provisions**  
**DATE:** January 18, 2023

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Members of the Authority are recommended to adopt the attached Resolution of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the period from January 18, 2023, through February 17, 2023, pursuant to Brown Act Provisions (Attachment 1).

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency throughout the state of California, in response to the rapid spread and threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). On the same day, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (“LACDPH”) declared a local emergency and local public health emergency throughout Los Angeles County.

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 361 (Rivas, 2021), which authorizes local agencies to continue to hold public meetings remotely under modified teleconferencing requirements set forth in the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54953(b)(3))

during a state-declared emergency, as that term is defined, and when either state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or in situations when the legislative body has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. AB 361 went into effect immediately and sunsets on January 1, 2024.

The most recent Public Health Order (“Health Order”) by the LACDPH, effective as of September 23, 2022, outlines the County’s current guidelines to continue to ensure the reduction in the transmission risk of COVID-19 and protect those persons at elevated risk for severe health outcomes due to COVID-19 infection.

Under AB 361, legislative bodies can meet remotely during a declared State of Emergency by the Governor, if the legislative body determines that one of the following is also true:

1. State or local officials have imposed or recommended social distancing; or
2. To determine, by a majority vote, whether to hold remote meetings as a result of the State of Emergency, because meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The legislative body holds a meeting having already determined by a majority vote to hold remote meetings.

Modified Brown Act requirements under AB 361, include, among other provisions, that:

- Members of the public must be allowed to address the body and offer comments in real-time during the meeting.
- In the event of a technical disruption, the public agency cannot take any further action on the agenda until the issue is resolved.
- Public agencies may not require public comments be submitted in advance (this is still a permissible option but cannot be the only option).
- Members of the public must be given a reasonable time to register to provide public comment, if necessary, and agencies that provide a timed public comment period shall not close the remote public comment option until that timed period has expired.

Once the initial authorizing resolution is adopted, as it was on September 21, 2022, ongoing authorization every thirty (30) days is required by majority vote. If the legislative body desires to continue using the teleconference exception, it must confirm the circumstances of the State of Emergency thirty (30) days after the first teleconference meeting and every thirty (30) days thereafter.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is currently no fiscal impact on the Authority's budget.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Authority approve the attached Resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the period from January 18, 2023, through February 17, 2023 (Attachment 1).

## **ATTACHMENT**

1. Resolution Number 23-01

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-01****A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 18, 2023, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2023, PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, was first reported in China in December 2019, it has now spread throughout the state of California, including throughout the member cities of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority (“JPA”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in response to the rising cases of COVID-19 throughout the state of California; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (“LACDPH”) declared a local emergency and local public health emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19 throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which allowed local agencies to meet remotely without adherence to the traditional teleconferencing rules set forth in the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”), this waiver was extended through September 30, 2021, by Executive Order N-08-21; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill No. 361 (“AB 361”), which, until January 1, 2024, authorizes a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Brown Act, when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared State of Emergency, as that term is defined, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing or when the legislative body has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

**WHEREAS**, the most recent Public Health Order (“Health Order”) by the LACDPH, effective as of September 23, 2022, outlines the County’s current guidelines to continue to ensure the reduction in the transmission risk of COVID-19 and protect those persons at elevated risk for severe health outcomes due to COVID-19 infection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Order continues to strongly recommend masks for all persons, regardless of vaccine status, in indoor public settings and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 361 requires legislative bodies that hold teleconferenced meetings under its abbreviated teleconferencing procedures to give notice of the meeting and post agendas, as described, to allow members of the public to access the meeting and address the legislative body, to give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment, including an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option, and to conduct the meeting in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 361 requires the legislative body to take no further action on agenda items when there is a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents members of the public from offering public comments, until public access is restored; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 361 prohibits the legislative body from requiring public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and specifies that the legislative body must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 361 prohibits the legislative body from closing the public comment period and the opportunity to register to provide public comment, until the public comment period has elapsed or until a reasonable amount of time has elapsed, as specified; and

**WHEREAS**, all JPA meetings are open and public, as required by the Brown Act, so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the JPA conduct their business; and

**WHEREAS**, the JPA finds that the spread of COVID-19 throughout the community has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the member cities of the JPA that are likely to be beyond the control of the JPA; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the continuing State declaration of emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the continuing recommendation by Los Angeles County Public Health officials of measures to promote social distancing, and the imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees at meetings conducted in person due to the spread of COVID-19, the JPA desires to make the findings required by AB 361 to allow the JPA to continue to meet under AB 361s abbreviated teleconferencing procedures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2.** The Joint Powers Authority finds that local officials, specifically, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, has continued to recommend social distancing measures.



**SECTION 3.** The Joint Powers Authority hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

**SECTION 4.** The Chair or designee of the Joint Powers Authority are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, continuing to conduct open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of February 17, 2023, or such time as the Joint Powers Authority adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Joint Powers Authority may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 54953.

**SECTION 6.** All portions of this Resolution are severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 7.** That the Chair shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and that the same shall be in full force and effect.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

**CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-  
RELIANCE JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY**

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Hugo Argumedo, Chair

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Victor Ponto, General Counsel



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**CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
54953 ALLOWING LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA  
TELECONFERENCING**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022**

**10:05 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Hugo Argumedo, *Chair – Commerce*  
Alejandra Cortez, *Vice Chair – Bell Gardens*  
Victor Farfan, *Secretary – Hawaiian Gardens*  
Emma Sharif, *Treasurer – Compton*  
Martin Fuentes, *Alternate Member – Cudahy (Joined @ 10:14 am)*

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Ivan Altamirano, Liz Garcia, Stephanie Arechiga, Marvin Pineda, Gary Townsend, Kian Kaeni, Linda Hollinsworth, Juan Garza

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

1. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and authorizing

remote teleconference meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the period from December 21, 2022 through January 20, 2023, pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

Vice Chair Cortez moved and Secretary Farfan seconded to adopt resolution.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the November 16, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Treasurer Sharif moved and Vice Chair Cortez seconded to approve the Minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated December 21, 2022.

Chair Argumedo moved and Secretary Farfan seconded to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

4. Status update & report from California Advocacy, LLC with respect to legislative matters.

Mr, Marvin Pineda provided a comprehensive report on our recent JPA meeting with Senate GO Committee Chair Bill Dodd, moratorium legislation being drafted by cardrooms and tribal nations, upcoming efforts to engage Attorney General Rob Bonta's office (Director Yolanda Morrow) on player rotation regulations/interpretation, and a potential tour of local cardrooms by incoming Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas.

Secretary Farfan moved and Chair Argumedo seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

5. Consideration and possible action regarding resumption of in-person meetings of the JPA Board of Directors.

A full report from staff will be presented at the January 18, 2023, Board meeting.

Chair Argumedo moved and Secretary Farfan seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

6. Report of General Counsel

No report.

7. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- 2) Online Gaming Statewide Initiatives Efforts – 2024

- 3) Upcoming Introductions – New Sacramento Legislators and County Supervisor Lindsay Horvath
- 4) February Cardrooms Sacramento Legislative Tour – February 7-8, 2023.

Vice Chair Cortez moved and Secretary Farfan seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

### **NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION**

8. None

### **CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

***This is the time and place for the Chairman and Board Members to report on any other items of interest. Upon request by an individual Board Member, the Authority may choose to take action on any of the subject matters listed below.***

Alternate Member Fuentes (Cudahy)

Secretary Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Treasurer Sharif (Compton)

Vice Chair Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Chair Argumedo (Commerce)

### **ADJOURN (10:39 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, telephonically and via Zoom pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

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Hugo Argumedo, Chair

ATTEST:

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Victor Farfan, Secretary



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**TO:** Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Governing Board

**FROM:** Juan Garza, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Consideration and possible action to Receive and File Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2023.

**DATE:** January 18, 2023

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Meetings of the Board of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 am, unless special circumstances necessitate a 'Special Meeting' to be called into effect.

While each member city traditionally hosts all member city representatives, stakeholders, and members of the public on a monthly rotating basis, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and per JPA Board directive, all JPA Board meetings have taken place via remote/telephonic means as permitted by law and executive emergency orders.

While upcoming state law will require public agencies to resume in-person public meetings starting in March 2023 and the proposed meeting dates below MAY change, the following meeting dates are presented to the Board as information.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES – 2023:**

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Wednesday August 16, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 - Regular Meeting

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BOARD**

- 1) Receive and File Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2023; or
- 2) Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.



## **ITEM 6**

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**January 18, 2023**

### **California Update: Agenda**

1. Moratorium Legislation
2. Meeting with Yolanda Morrow, Director, Division of Law Enforcement
3. California Budget Update



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**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Governing Board  
**FROM:** Juan Garza, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** **Executive Director Report/Summary**  
**DATE:** January 18, 2023

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- 1) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- 2) Statewide Cardroom Moratorium Discussions
- 3) Cardrooms Legislative Action Day – Sacramento – February 7-8