San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Public Meeting Guidelines in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

On March 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 waiving Brown Act provisions requiring the physical presence of the Board members or the public to attend and participate at Board meetings during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Executive Order N-08-21 extends this waiver through September 30, 2021.

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors recognizes the public's right to participate in public meetings and have adopted the following guidelines to promote safe and meaningful public participation. Reasonable regulations on public testimony and the conduct of public meetings may be implemented by the Board Chair or by a majority vote of the Board.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 continues to exist in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>, unvaccinated senior citizens and adults with certain medical conditions are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19.

Alternative methods to in person attendance are provided to ensure everyone is able to participate in public meetings.

For more information, contact:

Clerk of the Board Administration Building 44 N. San Joaquin Street, Suite 627 Stockton, CA (209) 468-2350 www.sjgov.org/departments/cob

Visit <u>https://siready.org/events/covid19/</u> for additional resources.

## IN PERSON PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

As of June 15, 2021, the Governor is terminating the executive orders that put into place the Stay Home Order and Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Board Chambers is open to the public without capacity or physical distance restrictions.



**Face Coverings** are required for unvaccinated individuals indoors and must be worn at all times by everyone attending or participating in the meeting. Please bring your own face covering and wear them at all times. All face coverings must fully cover the nose and mouth and secure under the chin.



**Do not attend** if you have COVID-19, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS TO PARTICIPATING IN PERSON



Watch Board meetings live:

- <u>YouTube</u> (recommended) https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw9ExATz2VnZjbntMMA\_Anw
- <u>San Joaquin County Website</u>
  <u>http://sanjoaquincountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx</u>



**Public Comments** may be made in person during the Board meeting held in Board Chambers of the Administration Building at 44 N. San Joaquin Street.

Members of the public who cannot attend in person have the option to submit written comments online at <a href="https://sjgov.link/public-comment">https://sjgov.link/public-comment</a>. Every effort will be made to read all comments received into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Comments received after the public comment period may not be read during the meeting and will be made part of the official record on file with the Clerk of the Board.



**Remote Participation** is limited to county staff, department heads, elected representatives; participants of quasi-judicial hearings; participants of items publically noticed to permit remote participation; and participants invited to present to the Board. Remote participants assume the risk of interruption or technical failure during the meeting. **Pre-registration is required by contacting the Clerk of the Board office at (209) 468-2350 in advance of the meeting.** 

## DISABILITY-RELATED MODIFICATION OR ACCOMMODATION

If you need disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at (209) 468-2350 at least **48 hours prior** to the start of the meeting.