



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

City Clerk's Office

TO: Mayor and Council Members

THROUGH: N/A

FROM: Edward Lavalley, City Manager, Lori Stelzer, City Clerk, and Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney

DATE: May 19, 2021

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2021

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

SUBJECT: State of Emergency Status for COVID-19

Background: The city issued a state of emergency on March 16, 2020, which has since automatically extended in seven day increments. Based on the status of the pandemic and new CDC guidelines, staff is rescinding the city's state of emergency on June 27, 2021 in tandem with the expiration of the Governor's state of emergency. Upon termination of the local state of emergency, the two executive orders that are still in effect will also terminate, which relate to 1) mobile food dispensing vehicles and 2) outside dining and temporary signs. This will give staff time to take the necessary measures to accommodate these items through Code changes as needed.

Staff is recommending that Zoom continue to be used for city council and planning commission meetings to facilitate greater citizen participation. City council adopted a resolution outlining the accepted reasons for attending a meeting remotely (copy provided in agenda packet). However, as of July 1 it is recommended that Zoom be discontinued for all other boards, committees and work groups. Hybrid Zoom meetings require three staff members per meeting vs. one staff member.

Requested Action: Accept staff's recommendation to continue with Zoom for city council and planning commission, but return to regular in person meetings for all other boards as of July 1, 2021.

If for an agenda item, this document and any associated backup created by City of Venice staff has been reviewed for ADA compliance: Yes

City Attorney Review/Approved: Yes

Risk Management Review: N/A

Finance Department Review/Approved: N/A

Funds Availability (account number): N/A

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: N/A

Cc: N/A