



CITY OF SAN PABLO
City of New Directions



MEMORANDUM

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

**1000 Gateway Avenue
San Pablo, CA 94806**

TO: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND CITY OF SAN PABLO EMPLOYEES

FROM: Matt Rodriguez, City Manager

**RE: EXTENDING TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS BY ZOOM
AND TELEPHONE FOR DESIGNATED BROWN ACT BODIES – CITY COUNCIL
AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2025**

IMPORTANT – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public agencies across California, including neighboring cities in the East Bay region, continue to experience a barrage of hate speech through remote public comments known as “Zoom Bombing”. The volume of these comments disrupts public meetings and prevents cities and agencies from conducting orderly public meetings.

On October 12, 2023, the City Manager temporarily suspended all public comments for the City Council and Planning Commission meetings scheduled during the remainder of October 2023. This action was subsequently affirmed by the San Pablo City Council by minute action vote on October 16, 2023, and the Council continued such suspension through the end of April 2024.

- On April 15, 2024, the City Council approved a 6-month extension of the suspension through October 30, 2024.
- On October 21, 2024, the City Council approved a 6-month extension of the suspension through April 30, 2025.

To continue to better serve our San Pablo community and ensure that the City conducts orderly public meetings, the City Manager proposes to **extend the temporary suspension** of participation by members of the public remotely through an on-line platform (i.e. Zoom) or via telephone for designated City Brown Act bodies through **October 31, 2025**. The City Council will consider to uphold this operational procedure at its regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:00p.m.

TO: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

DATE: APRIL 2, 2025

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This action is consistent with what other public agencies are implementing throughout the Bay Area, and is consistent with the policy objectives contained in the City's Adopted Diversity Plan adopted via City Council Resolution 2020-078 on June 15, 2020.

However, the City of San Pablo **highly encourages** members of the public to participate in our meetings. Those who wish to provide input on this proposed action may do so in person or submit public comment via email by **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, April 21, 2025** to: cityclerk@sanpabloca.gov

AS AUTHORIZED:



Matt Rodriguez, City Manager

Date: April 2, 2025

cc: San Pablo City Council
Executive Leadership Group

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