



# URGENT ITEM AGENDA MATERIAL

Government Code Section 54954.2(b)  
Rules of Procedure Chapter III.C.5

**THIS ITEM IS NOT YET AGENDIZED AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE AGENDA AS A LATE ITEM, SUBJECT TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S DISCRETION ACCORDING TO BROWN ACT RULES**

**Meeting Date: July 25, 2023**

**Item Description: Excused Absence for Councilmember Kate Harrison**

This item is submitted pursuant to the provision checked below:

- Emergency Situation (54954.2(b)(1) - majority vote required)  
*Determination by a majority vote of the legislative body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5.*
- Immediate Action Required (54954.2(b)(2) - two-thirds vote required)  
*There is a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda for this meeting being posted.*

Once the item is added to the agenda (Consent or Action) it must be passed by the standard required vote threshold (majority, two-thirds, or 7/9).

## **Facts supporting the addition of the item to the agenda under Section 54954.2(b) and Chapter III.C.5 of the Rules of Procedure:**

Councilmember Kate Harrison is unable to attend the July 25, 2023 Council meeting due to illness. Pursuant to the City Charter, Article V, § 19, the City Council must approve an absence by a Councilmember from a meeting in order for that absence to be considered excused. As this is an issue that has come to our attention after the agenda was posted, and waiting until the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to submit this item will cause complications in providing timely stipends, submitting this as an urgency item is necessary.



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR  
July 25, 2023

To: Honorable Members of the City Council  
From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín  
Subject: Excused Absence for Councilmember Kate Harrison

RECOMMENDATION

Excuse Councilmember Kate Harrison from the July 25, 2023 Council meeting as a result of illness.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the City Charter, Article V, § 19, the City Council must approve an absence by a Councilmember from a meeting in order for that absence to be considered excused. Specifically, it states:

*If the Mayor or any member of the Council is absent from one or more regular meetings of the Council during any calendar month, unless excused by the Council in order to attend to official business of the City, or unless excused by the Council as a result of their own illness or the illness or death of a “close family member” as defined in the City’s bereavement policy from attending no more than two regular meetings in any calendar year, they shall be paid for each regular meeting attended during such months in an amount equal to the monthly remuneration divided by the number of regular meetings held during such month.*

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Not applicable

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