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CITY OF VALLEJO RELEASES INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE ACCESS TO COUNCIL MEETINGS

VALLEJO, CA – On Tuesday, March 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m., the Vallejo City Council and Vallejo Housing Authority Board will conduct their meetings remotely due to the statewide shelter at home order. Consistent with the intent of that order, the council chambers will **not** be open to the public, but the City has taken the following steps to allow for public participation online.

The meetings will be conducted consistent with the Governor's recent **Executive Order**, which makes the necessary modifications to the Brown Act to allow for remote participation in public meetings. All seven elected officials, along with presenting members of staff, will participate in the meetings remotely. There will only be minimal staff present at City Hall for the meeting, and those staff will be practicing social distancing measures.

The public can still participate and provide public comment during the meeting via links embedded in the agenda, which will take participants to an internet platform where the meeting is being held remotely. On that site, members of the public can enter general public comments, as well as comments related to a particular agenda item, similar to a regular meeting. In order to submit comments, Open City Hall will prompt the user with the option to enter a name or users can elect to be anonymous, followed by a prompt to enter a comment. It is not necessary to register for Open City Hall in order to participate.

Participants should keep their comments to under 200 words, as all public comment will be read aloud by staff during the council meeting.

The agendas for each meeting are available at www.cityofvallejo.net/AgendasVideos.

The public comment period on March 24 will open 30 minutes prior to each meeting according to the following schedule:

- City Council Closed Session, public comment opens at 5:00 p.m.
- Housing Authority Board Meeting, public comment opens at 6:15 p.m.
- City Council Regular Meeting, public comment opens at 6:30 p.m.

At the above noted times, please click on this link to access Open City Hall to comment for the above meetings: https://www.cityofvallejo.net/living/connect/open_city_hall.

(It is suggested that users utilize Internet Explorer for the most user-friendly experience, although it is accessible on Google Chrome as well.) Please note that until the specified time, the links will not be active.

This is the first time the City will be implementing this approach, so we ask for the public's patience as we work through the inevitable technical issues that will arise. For those that do experience technical difficulties while attempting to access the meeting, please email City IT staff at InfoSys@cityofvallejo.net and they will respond as quickly as possible.

Council meetings broadcast on the public access Channel 27 and via the City's website, as usual.

The City appreciates your patience and cooperation during this challenging time.

Additional COVID-19 Resources & Information

- Visit the City's website www.cityofvallejo.net/NCOV for the latest information, including City facility closures and access to City staff.
- View all Vallejo, County and State orders [here](#)
- Vallejo City Service information [here](#)
- **Small Businesses Resources**
- Vallejo, Open for Business, [listing here](#)
- California resources and information page: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>
- CDC instructions for [how to take care of yourself at home when sick](#)
- Solano Public Health [Guidance for Vulnerable Populations at High Risk for Severe Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) \(en español\)](#)
- State Health & Emergency Officials released guidance to prepare and protect homeless Californians and service providers from COVID-19, available [here](#).
- Vallejo City Unified School District: <https://vcusd-ca.schoolloop.com/coronavirusupdate>
- GVRD Updates on their [website](#)
- Visit the Solano County Public Health Facebook page ([@SolanoCountyPH](#))
- Register for [Alert Solano](#) to receive emergency alerts.

About City of Vallejo

The City of Vallejo, California is located in the Bay Area. The City serves a population nearly 122,000 people with a full service operation that includes police, fire, water, community planning, public works and related professional administrative services. The city is home to a wealth of culture, attractions and events from the popular theme park Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, to museums, parks, music venues, art galleries and theatres. One of the great small towns of Northern California, Vallejo's residents, businesses and City Council are working together to help make Vallejo a safe and clean place to live, work and to enjoy all the attractions and events.

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