CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. <u>R-22-20</u> ENACTMENT NO. <u>**R**-2022-043</u>

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa J. Peña, by request

2 STAYING THE ENFORCEMENT OF § 2-6-1-4 (B)(1) & (5) AND CREATING A

RESOLUTION

- 3 WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF REMOTE MEETINGS OF
- 4 PUBLIC BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES.

5 WHEREAS, in 2020 during the public health crisis, an emergency

6 declaration allowed public boards, commissions and committees to hold
7 meetings remotely; and

8 WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Article 6, Part 1 of the City Code requires 9 meetings of any public board, commission or committee to be held in public 10 and in a city facility, and that a quorum of a public body be physically present; 11 and

WHEREAS, in the absence of an emergency declaration, public boards,
commissions and committees have expressed an interest in the continued
flexibility remote meetings have provided; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes there are benefits to both remote and in person meetings of public boards, commissions and committees; and

WHEREAS, the City would benefit from a study related to the use of ongoing remote meeting for public boards, commissions and committees. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

Section 1. Enforcement of § 2-6-1-4 (B)(1) & (5), that meetings be "...held in a city-owned facility" and that a "...quorum of the public board, commission or committee is physically present at the meeting.", are stayed until the conclusion of the study by the Boards and Commissions working group.

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1 That a Boards and Commissions working group shall be Section 2. formed to study the effects of remote meetings of public boards, commissions 2 and committees. Such working group shall prepare a study to be submitted to 3 City Council and the Administration by November 1, 2022. Such study shall 4 issue recommendations regarding the ongoing use of remote meetings by 5 public boards, commissions and committees. The working group shall issue a 6 recommendation regarding the requirement in § 2-6-1-4 (B)(1) & (5) that 7 8 meetings be held in person in a city facility. 9

9 Section 3. The working group shall be staffed by the Deputy Director of 10 Public Affairs and shall consist of members of boards, commissions and 11 committees as well as members of the public. The working group shall have 12 no more than 9 total members.

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