As a public communication to the BoS/BoA/SOTF/Admin/DT/Clerk:

I urge the Board of Supervisors, Police Commission, and Board of Appeals to fully implement remote participation in all of their own Brown Act-governed meetings, considering the COVID-19 emergency. The public should be allowed to call in via a conference line for public comment (similar to the SOTF's existing process for hearings), or more modern technologies such as video conference should be deployed.

Especially the most vulnerable should not have to choose between having their voice heard live and staying healthy.

Finally, I urge the Board of Supervisors to consider amending the Sunshine Ordinance after the emergency to require remote participation opportunities for all public meetings and hearings. Not only is remote participation useful in the current emergency, it should be considered a reasonable accommodation at all times for persons unable to attend in person.

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