

Board and Commission Council Committee Agenda Item Request

Name of Board or Commission: Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission

Request Number:

Description of Item:

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Boards and Commissions are an important tool for citizen oversight of government operations, and,

WHEREAS, many City of Austin Boards and Commissions have vacant positions because of persistent challenges to recruitment and retention of qualified members

WHEREAS, teleconferencing is a recognized option for city meetings, and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Open Meetings Act specifically allows teleconferencing, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin ordinance requires the physical presence of members at Boards and Commission meetings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION:

Requests City Council to convene a workgroup with the goal of revising the City ordinance prohibiting members of Boards and Commissions from using technology to participate remotely in meetings. This group would be composed of, at a minimum, representatives of the Law Department, Communications and Technology Management Department, City Clerk's Office, and a representative from the Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission.

Board or Commission Vote to refer item to Council:

Motion to approve a Council Committee Agenda Item Request for remote participation at boards and commission meetings was proposed by Commissioner DasGupta, seconded by Commissioner Alexander passed on a vote of 6-0.

Date of Approval of Request:

01/09/2019

Attachments: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list the attachments:

Attest:

Jesse Rodriguez

Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs

City of Austin

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Council Committee Assigned:

☐ Audit and Finance Committee

☐ Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee☐ Mobility Committee☐ Health and Human Services Committee☐ Housing and Planning Committee

Recommend a Fiscal Analysis be completed?

Recommend a Legal Analysis be completed?

Notes:

Mayor Signature & Date: