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October 20, 1995

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE - REVISION TO CHAPTER 7,  
SECTION 7-A [ATTENDANCE]**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-wide**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution

**CONTACT PERSON: Valerie Burrowes, City Clerk, 264-5442**

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: October 24, 1995**

**SUMMARY:**

This report presents a proposed amendment to Resolution 95-437, which adopted the revised City Council Rules of Procedure on July 25, 1995. The amendment will revise Chapter 7, Section 7-A [Attendance] to allow for council member attendance at council meetings by way of telephone connection in extraordinary circumstances such as a medical condition which disables the member from physically attending a council meeting.

**BACKGROUND:**

- Chapter 7, Section 7-a [Attendance] of the Council Rules of Procedure currently states that "no council member shall be considered present unless the Member is within the Council Chamber....."
- in 1991, a council member, due to surgery and recovery, was on an extended medical leave and unable to participate in meetings;
- currently, a council member, due to surgery and recovery, is on an extended medical leave and unable to participate in meetings

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There would be no fiscal impact incurred with this action.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable to this report.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

This is consistent with the City Charter and the current City Council Rules of Procedure, Resolution 95-437.

**MBE/WBE:**

Not applicable to this report.

Respectfully submitted,



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VALERIE A. BURROWES,  
City Clerk

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:**

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WILLIAM H. EDGAR  
City Manager

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## RESOLUTION NO. 95-603

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 95-437 REVISING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 7-A [ATTENDANCE] OF THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the City Charter, Article III, Section 30(a) allows for the city council to determine its rules of procedure according to rules which it shall adopt; and

WHEREAS, the city council rules of procedure were revised in July, 1995 with the adoption of Resolution No. 95-437;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA to amend Resolution No. 95-437, revising Chapter 7, Section 7-a [Attendance] of the City Council Rules of Procedure as follows:

Section 1: No Council Member shall be considered present unless the Member is physically within the Council Chamber or is participating in the meeting through a telephone connection. The telephone connection shall permit full discussion of City business with other Council Members and members of the public who are present at the meeting location.

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Members attending a council meeting by way of telephone connection may cast a vote only on items listed on the consent agenda. Only those Council Members who are physically present may cast a vote on items listed on the remainder of the agenda; there is to be no proxy or absentee voting is not permitted. Members attending a council meeting by way of telephone connection shall not be permitted to establish a quorum as required by section 7-c;

Section 2: Attendance at council meetings by way of telephone connection shall be permitted only in extraordinary circumstances such as a medical condition which disables the member from physically attending council meetings. The circumstances under which a request to attend council meetings by telephone connection is made shall be supported objectively and based upon an independent professional opinion when possible.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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