

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



DATE: June 16, 2026
TO: Mayor and Council Members
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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 707 Meeting Disruption Policy

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file information regarding Senate Bill 707, adopt the required Meeting Disruption Policy, and provide direction regarding potential modifications to City Council meeting start times to accommodate possible meeting disruptions.

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 707 (SB 707), adopted in 2025, amended the Ralph M. Brown Act to expand public participation in local government meetings. While some provisions took effect on January 1, 2026, major requirements will become effective on July 1, 2026.

Under SB 707, eligible legislative bodies, including the Hesperia City Council, must:

- Provide remote participation through a two-way telephonic or audiovisual platform;
- Adopt a policy addressing telephonic or internet service disruptions during meetings, including meeting pauses of up to 60 minutes per disruption and procedures to restore service;
- Maintain an accessible webpage with meeting participation instructions;
- Translate meeting agendas; and
- Provide public posting areas for translated agendas.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

The City Clerk's Office and Information Technology Division have been preparing for SB 707 implementation. The City has contracted with Public Input, a public engagement platform that provides electronic speaker registration, remote public comment, meeting accessibility features, closed captioning, and agenda translation. The platform is expected to be operational for the July 21, 2026 City Council meeting.

Adoption of the Meeting Disruption Policy will ensure compliance with SB 707 by establishing procedures for responding to telephonic or internet service interruptions and preserving public access and participation.

Because SB 707 may require meeting delays of up to 60 minutes for each service disruption, staff is seeking City Council direction regarding potential adjustments to regular meeting start times.

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Organizational Health – Foster a high-performing organization that provides opportunities for professional growth.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of the recommended action.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Resolution 2026-31
2. Exhibit A Meeting Disruption Policy
3. Senate Bill 707