



# County of Santa Cruz

**IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY**  
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## Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

### IHSS Advisory Commission

### SPECIAL MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022  
**Time:** 1:30PM to 2:00PM

Pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953, due to the ongoing COVID 19 state of emergency and upon recommendation of the County Health Officer, public meetings of the IHSS Advisory Commission will be conducted in remote format. Members of the public can attend virtually by teleconference.

**PLEASE DIAL-IN TO THE TELECONFERENCE USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:**

#### TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

United States: (831) 454-2222  
Phone Conference ID: # 505 886 348#

**FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE REMOTE MEETING PROCESS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY AT (831) 454-4036 OR [JUAN.MAGANA@SANTACRUZCOUNTY.US](mailto:JUAN.MAGANA@SANTACRUZCOUNTY.US)**

#### Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Oral Communications and Announcements: *Anyone wishing to address the commission on any item within the jurisdiction of the Commission and not listed on the agenda may do so at this time. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes in duration.*
5. Regular Agenda – Action Items
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6. Adjournment

**Next Regular Meeting:** January 27, 2023, 1:00PM – 3:00PM



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MICHAEL MOLESKY, CHAIR

### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMISSION'S FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

**WHEREAS**, this IHSS Advisory Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 22, 2021, the IHSS Advisory Commission held its initial teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 2022, the IHSS Advisory Commission held a subsequent teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

**WHEREAS**, the IHSS Advisory Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the IHSS Advisory Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the IHSS Advisory Commission makes the following findings by a majority vote:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the IHSS Advisory Commission.

**Section 2.** Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the IHSS Advisory Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**Section 3.** No later than thirty (30) days from making today's findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the IHSS Advisory Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Chair, IHSS Advisory Commission

ATTEST:

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Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

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Office of the County Counsel



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## Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified below, regularly scheduled IHSS Advisory Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Friday\*  
MONTH: Every month except July and December  
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00PM  
LOCATION: To Be Announced

**\*Unless noted otherwise below**

2023 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 27, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	TBA
February 24, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	TBA
March 24, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	TBA
April 28, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	TBA
May 26, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	TBA
June 23, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	TBA
July 2023	No Meeting	
August 25, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	TBA
September 22, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	TBA
October 27, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	TBA
*November 17, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	TBA
December 2023	No Meeting	

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the [Advisory Commission](#) website as soon as information becomes available.