



# URGENT ITEM AGENDA MATERIAL

Government Code Section 54954.2(b)  
Rules of Procedure Chapter III.C.5

**THIS ITEM IS NOT YET AGENDIZED AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE AGENDA AS A LATE ITEM, SUBJECT TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S DISCRETION ACCORDING TO BROWN ACT RULES**

**Meeting Date: May 31, 2022**

**Item Description: Grant Excused Absence to Vice Mayor Harrison Pursuant to Charter Article V, Section 19**

This item is submitted pursuant to the provision checked below:

- Emergency Situation (54954.2(b)(1) - majority vote required)  
*Determination by a majority vote of the legislative body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5.*
- Immediate Action Required (54954.2(b)(2) - two-thirds vote required)  
*There is a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda for this meeting being posted.*

Once the item is added to the agenda (Consent or Action) it must be passed by the standard required vote threshold (majority, two-thirds, or 7/9).

**Facts supporting the addition of the item to the agenda under Section 54954.2(b) and Chapter III.C.5 of the Rules of Procedure:**

Vice Mayor Harrison's mother passed away after the agenda was posted for this meeting. Consistent with the Charter and the City's bereavement policy, she is unable to attend tonight's Council meeting and is requesting that Council provide her with an excused absence for the May 31 meeting.



Kate Harrison  
Vice Mayor, District 4

CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 31, 2022

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Vice Mayor Kate Harrison

Subject: Grant Excused Absence to Vice Mayor Harrison Pursuant to Charter Article V, Section 19 and the City's Bereavement Policy

RECOMMENDATION

Grant excused absence to Vice Mayor Harrison pursuant to Charter Article V., Section 19, and consistent with the City's bereavement policy regarding death of a "close family member."

BACKGROUND

Vice Mayor Harrison's mother passed away late last week. Her passing occurred before the Clerk posted the May 31 Agenda. It is in the public interest to grant Vice Mayor Harrison an excused absence for the May 31 Council meeting, pursuant to the provisions of Charter Article V., Section 19 and the City's bereavement policy regarding death of a "close family member."

The relevant Charter section reads as follows:

"If the Mayor or any member of the Council is absent from one or more regular meetings of the Council during any calendar month, unless excused by the Council in order to attend to official business of the City, or unless excused by the Council as a result of their own illness or the illness or death of a "close family member" as defined in the City's bereavement policy from attending no more than two regular meetings in any calendar year, they shall be paid for each regular meeting attended during such months in an amount equal to the monthly remuneration divided by the number of regular meetings held during such month."

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Not applicable.

CONTACT PERSONS

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