

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGAME AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF ORGANIZED HOTEL MEETINGS OF UP TO 50 PERSONS

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2020, the Economic Development Subcommittee of the City Council convened with Burlingame's hoteliers and the San Mateo County/Silicon Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau (SMCCVB); and

WHEREAS, during that meeting, the hoteliers described the dramatic reduction in occupancy rates they have faced, with rates falling from nearly 90% in the previous year, to approximately 20% currently; and

WHEREAS, as San Mateo County progresses on the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy tier list, these occupancy rates will increase, albeit at a much slower rate than previously anticipated; and

WHEREAS, given Burlingame's proximity to the San Francisco International Airport, Burlingame hotels have traditionally served corporate travelers and hosted corporate events; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the City's hoteliers, the City Council requests that the State allow hotels to host organized gatherings of up to 50 people, following all State guidance for social distancing, face coverings, frequent cleanings, and prohibition of shared food and drink; and

WHEREAS, the threshold of 50 persons would be in keeping with the standards for places of worship, which are currently permitted to host gatherings for 25% of their maximum capacity, or 100 people (whichever is less); and

WHEREAS, allowing such gatherings would help the hotel and lodging industry recover from the impacts of the economic downturn resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGAME
RESOLVES THAT:**

The Mayor is authorized to send a letter to Governor Newsom requesting that the State consider permitting safely organized gatherings of up to 50 people to assist the hotel and lodging industry.

Emily Beach, Mayor

I, Meaghan Hassel-Shearer, City Clerk of the City of Burlingame, certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 21st day of September, 2020, and was adopted thereafter by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers:
NOES: Councilmembers:
ABSENT: Councilmembers:

Meghan Hassel-Shearer, City Clerk