



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

July 7, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Approve schedule for the Town Council and Planning Commission to return to in-person meetings in September and allow for Town Board, Commissions and Commissions to return to in-person meetings beginning as soon as July

RECOMMENDATION

Approve schedule for the Town Council and Planning Commission to return to in-person meetings in September and allow for Town Board, Committees, and Commissions to return to in-person meetings beginning as soon as July.

DISCUSSION

Since April 2020, the Town has conducted virtual Council meetings due to COVID-19. With the recent reopening of the economy and high level of vaccinations in the County, all the Marin communities are considering when to return to in-person Council meetings. Staff recommends the Council and Planning Commission return to in-person meetings with their first meeting in September 2021. This will allow staff time to evaluate the hybrid approach other communities are trying, such as in-person meetings but continuing to allow virtual public comments via on-line platforms such as Zoom.

We are also recommending that all Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions be allowed to return to in-person regular meetings beginning as soon as July. However, if a Board, Committee, or Commission is uncomfortable with conducting in-person meetings in July and/or August, they should be allowed to delay in-person meetings until their first meeting in September.

It should be noted that Governor Newsom has set a date of October 1, 2021, for public agencies to transition back to public meetings held in full compliance with the Brown Act (i.e., no virtual public meeting).

FISCAL IMPACT

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