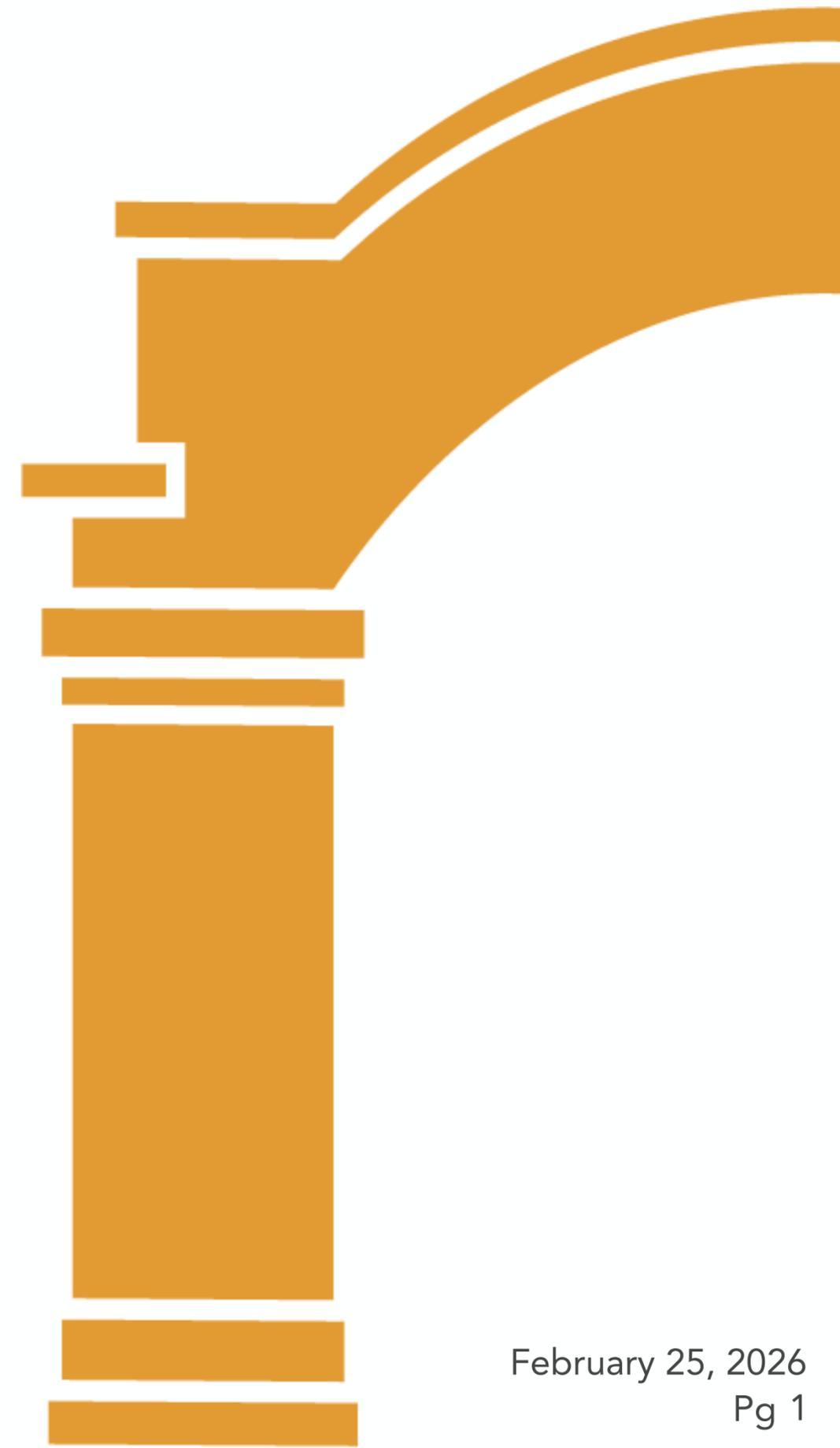




# SB 707 IMPLEMENTATION OVERVIEW



# OVERVIEW

## **SB 707 expands:**

- Mandatory hybrid public access for City Council meetings
- Remote attendance flexibility for members
- Language access out outreach requirements

Staff's recommendations are focused on meeting legal requirements without adding significant resource costs.

# AGENDA

## 1 - OVERVIEW

High level overview of how SB 707 applies to San Leandro

## 2 - TIMELINE

Implementation timeline

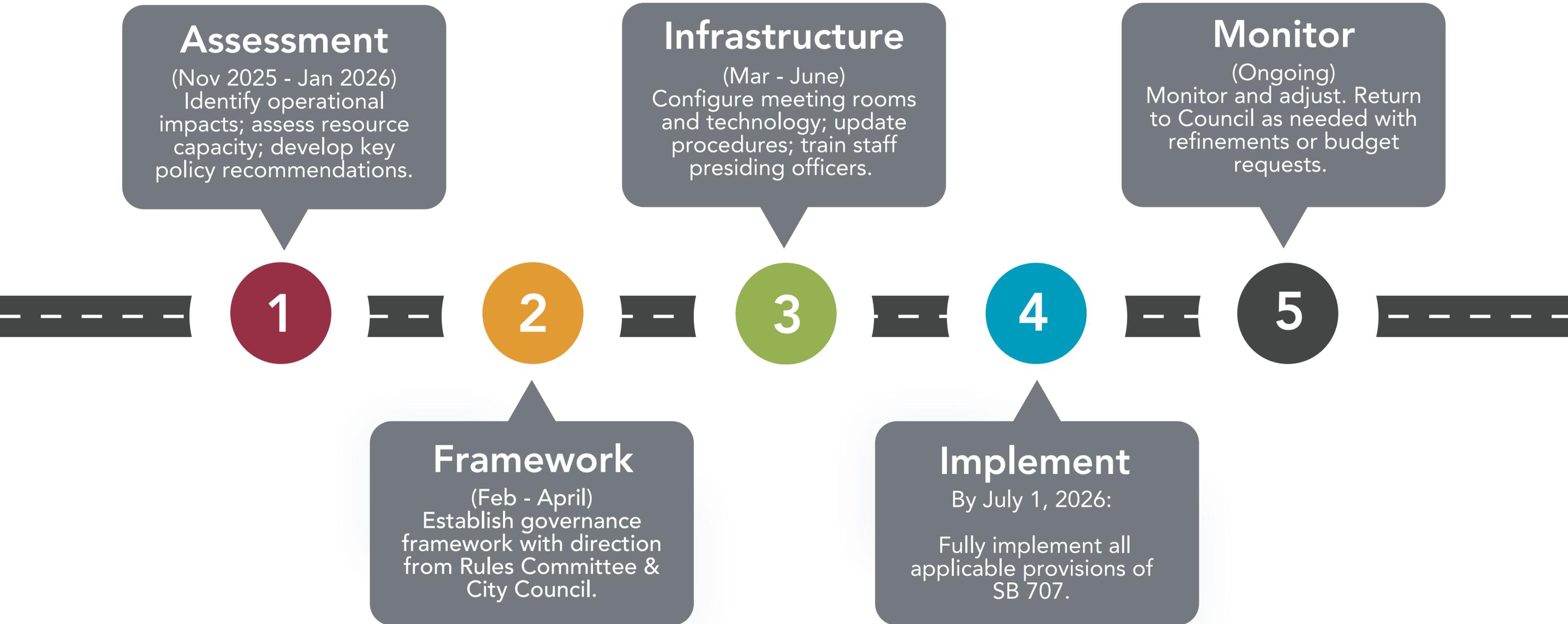
## 3 - KEY PROVISIONS

Focus on key provisions that require policy decisions

## 4 - DIRECTION

Direction requested today from the Rules Committee

# TIMELINE





# KEY PROVISIONS

# MANDATE: HYBRID COUNCIL MEETINGS

## Key differences under SB 707

- All Council meetings must now provide hybrid access
- Two-way remote public participation
  - Telephone or
  - Audiovisual
- Disruptions mean minimum of 1 hour while restoration efforts are underway
- Council must adopt disruption & continuation policy

# DECISION POINT: HYBRID COUNCIL MEETINGS

## **Decision #1: Type of hybrid participation**

Staff recommends continuing to use two-way audiovisual platform for hybrid public participation. The City Council could choose telephonic participation instead.

## **Decision #2: Disruption policy**

Staff requests the Rules Committee provide feedback to staff on the draft disruption policy.

## **Decision #3: Implement hybrid meetings for all other legislative bodies?**

Staff recommends taking no action at this time, as it could require additional expenses for the City to do so.

# OPTION: FULLY REMOTE ADVISORY BOARDS

## Key differences under SB 707

- Council *may* authorize fully remote meetings for “eligible subsidiary bodies”
- Requirements:
  - One physical meeting location open to the public
  - One staff member present
  - Adoption of findings every six months
  - Elected officials must provide remote location on agenda + public access

# OPTION: FULLY REMOTE ADVISORY BOARDS

## Eligible bodies

- Council committees
- Arts, Culture, & Library Commission
- Human Services Commission
- Recreation & Parks Commission
- Senior Commission
- Youth Advisory Commission
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

## Ineligible bodies

- Community Police Review Board
- Personnel Relations Board
- Planning Commission
- Rent Review Board

# DECISION POINT: FULLY REMOTE ADVISORY BODIES

## Decision #4: Whether to permit fully remote meetings

Staff recommends taking no action at this time, as it could require additional expenses for the City to do so.

# MANDATE: LANGUAGE ACCESS

## Key differences under SB 707

- City Council meeting agendas must be translated into applicable languages
- American Community Survey data for San Leandro:
  - Spanish (23% of total population; 57% speak English less than “very well”)
  - Chinese (21% of total population; 76% speak English less than “very well”)
- Related meeting information must be posted prominently online

# MANDATE: LANGUAGE ACCESS

## Key differences under SB 707

- Reasonable efforts to encourage participation by groups that don't traditionally participate in meetings
- Public posting board for additional translations
- Assist with meeting translation / interpretation

# DECISION POINT: LANGUAGE ACCESS

## **Decision #5: Language access policy**

Staff recommends the use of no- to low-cost solutions and requests Rules Committee feedback on the language access policy.

# OPTION: SIMPLIFYING PUBLIC COMMENT

## Key differences under SB 707

- If a subcommittee took public comment on an agenda item and a quorum participated from a single location, then the City Council need not repeat public comment on that agenda item.

# DECISION POINT: SIMPLIFYING PUBLIC COMMENT

## Decision #6: Simplifying public comment

Staff seeks Rules Committee input on whether to:

- Rely on prior subcommittee comment?
- Or continue taking comment at both levels (committee and City Council)?



# DIRECTION & RECOMMENDATIONS

# DIRECTION

## **Decision #1: Type of hybrid participation**

Staff recommends continuing to use two-way audiovisual platform for hybrid public participation. The City Council could choose telephonic participation instead.

## **Decision #2: Disruption policy**

Staff requests the Rules Committee provide feedback to staff on the disruption policy.

## **Decision #3: Implement hybrid meetings for all other legislative bodies?**

Staff recommends taking no action at this time to authorize hybrid meetings for other legislative bodies.

# DIRECTION

## **Decision #4: Whether to permit fully remote advisory boards**

Staff recommends taking no action at this time to authorize fully remote meetings for eligible subsidiary bodies.

## **Decision #5: Language access policy**

Staff requests Rules Committee feedback on the language access policy.

## **Decision #6: Simplifying public comment**

Staff seeks Rules Committee input on whether to:

- Rely on prior subcommittee comment?
- Or continue taking comment at both levels (committee and City Council)?



# QUESTIONS?