

Consistent with provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(5), and acting in my capacity as Chair of the Mountainous Planning District Planning Commission (“Commission”), I hereby make the following written determinations in support of the Commission’s decision to hold and convene electronic meetings of the Commission without a physical anchor location:

1. Conducting Commission meetings with an anchor location that is physically accessible for members of the public to attend in person presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location; and
2. This determination is based upon the following facts, among others:
 - a. Salt Lake County remains under a state of public health emergency related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and significant, continued person-to-person transmission of the highly contagious omicron variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus continues to occur in Salt Lake County;
 - b. The health and safety of Commission members, County officials and employees, staff, and members of the public is best served by holding electronic meetings of the Commission with limited in-person interaction;
 - c. The Commission has prepared for and demonstrated the ability to effectively conduct its public meetings electronically, including providing members of the public means to observe the Commission’s meetings and provide comments electronically.

These written determinations shall be included in the minutes of the Commission Meeting, held in Salt Lake City on February 3, 2022, and at future Commission meetings as appropriate. Commission staff are instructed to continue including in the public notice

information on how a member of the public may view and make comments at the Commission's electronic meetings.

This written determination is effective for 30 days from the date of this determination, and may be re-issued by future written determinations of the Chair at that time.

Dated this 31 day of January, 2022.

MOUNTAINOUS PLANNING DISTRICT
PLANNING COMMISSION

By: 
Don Despain, Chair