



REQUESTS FOR ON-SITE REMOTE AUDIO ACCESS TO PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Court is committed to providing public access to nonconfidential court proceedings. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing protocols have reduced courtroom seating capacity.

To ensure physical public access under these conditions, every courtroom will maintain at least one (1) available seat for media representatives and at least one (1) available seat for members of the public during nonconfidential proceedings. These designated seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Any other seats will be available to the extent allowable by social distancing protocols and at the discretion of the presiding bench officer.

For proceedings in which high attendance is anticipated, the Court will make every effort to accommodate requests for courtroom seats based on available resources. In cases where courtroom seating is expected to be inadequate, the Court's Communications Office will coordinate with members of the public and media to provide in-person audio access in a second courtroom at the discretion of the presiding bench officer, subject to the following conditions:

- **There must be an overflow space in the courthouse where the proceedings are to take place;**
- **Adequate staff and equipment are available to arrange for these services;**
- Requests for on-site remote audio access seating must be made three (3) days in advance of the proceedings, if possible;
- Seating in the overflow space will be allocated according to social distancing protocols; and
- Members of the public and media are prohibited from filming, recording, photographing, and broadcasting the proceedings, unless allowed by court order pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 1.150.

A request for on-site remote audio access seating does not guarantee access will be provided, nor does it guarantee or reserve a seat.

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Requests for on-site remote audio access seating should be sent via email to the Court's Communications Office at: Seating@LACourt.org. The request must include the following information:

- Hearing date and time
- Case name and number
- Courthouse and department
- Name of judicial officer (if known)
- Requester name and contact information

The Communications Office will contact the requester with the decision regarding in-person, on-site remote audio access to the proceeding.

Please note: LACourtConnect is not available for use by the news media or general public – it is integrated with the Court's case management system and requires attorneys and parties to register, which is necessary to reflect their appearance in the Court's records.

(Per Court Policy - Public Access During the COVID-19 Pandemic Policy [00-PO-007-00 09/09/2020])

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