



City of Blue Lake Public Safety Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday March 2nd, 2026, at 7:00p.m

Unless Otherwise Noted, All Items on the Agenda Are Subject to Action.

MEETING LOCATION: Skinner Store 111 Greenwood Road, Behind City Hall, Blue Lake.

Public Input can be given to the Commission by contacting the City Clerk at cityclerk@bluelake.ca.gov, or by phone at 707-668-5655 until 4:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. Written comments may be submitted via email or by submission to the City Clerk at City Hall.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – *The Public is invited to present petitions, make announcements, or provide other information to the Commission that is relevant to the scope of authority of the City of Blue Lake that is not on the agenda. The Commission may provide up to 15 minutes for this public input session. To assure that each individual presentation is heard, the Commission may uniformly impose time limitations of 3 minutes to each individual presentation. The public will be given the opportunity to address items that are on the agenda at the time the Commission takes up each specific agenda item.*

ITEMS FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSION OR ACTION

5. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND SECRETARY PER ORDINANCE NO 524**
6. **BROWN ACT TRAINING**
7. **APPROVAL OF PSC MINUTES: JANUARY 5TH 2026 AND SAMPLE FORMAT FOR MINUTES REVIEW**
8. **AGENCY CHECK IN: A) BLUE LAKE FIRE. B) SHERIFF. C) RANCHERIA. D) RED CROSS**
9. **REVIEW OF MONTHLY SHERIFF'S INCIDENT REPORT (DEC.15.25-FEB.22.26) AND SHERIFF'S EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED**
10. **I ST. NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CONTROL REQUEST – PROGRESS REPORT**
11. **A ST. NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CONTROL REQUEST- PROGRESS REPORT**
12. **SETTING COMMISSION GOALS FOR 2026 – DISCUSSION**
 - A. **REVIEW WORK PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN**
13. **BLUE LAKE CITY COUNCIL REVIEW OF COMMISSION – DISCUSSION**
14. **REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON AND PSC COMMISSIONERS**
15. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
16. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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ORDINANCE NO. 524

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE LAKE
REESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION AND
REPEALING ORDINANCES NO. 494 AND 505**

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Blue Lake, California, does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The City Council hereby makes the following findings:

- a. On May 23, 2010, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 494, to create a Public Safety Commission based on the following findings:
 - 1) The City Council seeks to establish a Public Safety Commission to reflect the concerns of the community at large; to help improve law enforcement services offered by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office; to serve as a forum to represent citizens of the Community on Sheriff's activities and functions; and to advise the City Council on such services provided by the County; and
 - 2) The City Council has determined that the focus of this Commission shall not be one of internal oversight such as investigating citizen's complaints of misconduct or conducting hearings into allegations of misconduct. The Commission is required to consult with the City Council, City Attorney, and, if directed, with PARSAC, should it be necessary to discuss any matter that involves potential litigation.
- b. On February 26, 2013, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 505, amending Ordinance No. 494 to revise the membership, term of office and removal provisions.
- c. The City Council has determined the need to completely revise Ordinances 494 and 505, and desires to accomplish this by repealing and replacing the prior Ordinances.

Section 2. Repeal of Prior Ordinances.

- a. Ordinance No. 494, adopted by the City Council on May 23, 2010, is hereby repealed in its entirety.
- b. Ordinance No. 505, adopted by the City Council on February 26, 2013, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. Reestablishment and Continuation of Public Safety Commission.

The Public Safety Commission is hereby reestablished and shall continue with the authority as set forth herein.

Section 4. Purposes. The purpose of the Public Safety Commission is as follows:

The Public Safety Commission shall act as a liaison to the community and the Council in matters relating to public safety; these issues include traffic & pedestrian safety, emergency preparedness & response activities and neighborhood safety. The Commission will study, report to, and advise the City Council upon any matter regarding public safety and the City's efforts to control and reduce criminal activities of all types.

Section 5. Membership.

The Public Safety Commission shall consist of five (5) members. No fewer than three (3) members shall be residents of the City of Blue Lake, and the remaining members must either live, work or conduct business in the geographical area encompassed within a three (3) mile radius of Blue Lake City Hall. Preference will be given to those living within the City Limits.

Section 6. Appointments and Vacancies.

- a. Members will be appointed by the City Council; Commission members shall receive no compensation.
- b. A maximum of two (2) alternate Commissioners may be appointed. Alternate Commissioners will take on the role as Commissioner only in the absence of a regularly appointed Commissioner; however, alternates may attend regular meetings when the full quorum is present as non-voting members.
- c. When a vacancy occurs or is anticipated, for whatever reason, the Chair of the Commission shall so certify to the City Council through the City Clerk. The City Council shall declare such vacancy at its next regular meeting and direct public notice of the vacancy for at least 30 days. Commission members whose terms have expired or who had previously served on the commission and who desire reappointment shall be considered with other nominees.

Section 7. Term of Office.

Members appointed by the City Council will serve for a term of two (2) years. Terms of office for each Commissioner will be for two (2) years (except that two of the terms will expire the first year, and thereafter on alternate years for the remaining Commissioners). Appointments will expire on January 30. When a Commissioner's normal term of office is to expire, the City Council shall declare the vacancy in December at a City Council meeting. The City Council will have the City Clerk notice the vacancy(ies) for at least 30 days and fill the vacancy(ies) as soon as possible.

Section 8. Removal.

A Commissioner's term of office will terminate if a member whose eligibility was based on residency moves their primary residence outside of the City. The two (2) non-resident

Commissioners will terminate his or her seat if (1) he/she fails to work within the City Limits or a three mile radius; or, (2) he/she no longer resides within a three mile radius of the City.

Section 9. Officers.

At its first meeting each calendar year, the Commission shall appoint from among its members a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. The Chair shall set meeting agendas, preside at meetings, and call special meetings when necessary. The Vice-Chair shall, in the Chair's absence, perform the duties of the Chair. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meeting. The Commission shall designate a Commissioner to represent the Commission at City Council meetings if the Commission wishes to make a presentation to the Council or if the Council is considering an item that is under the purview of the Commission.

Section 10. Records.

Records of the Commission's proceedings, including such things as agendas and meeting minutes shall be kept as public records and filed with the City Clerk.

Section 11. Meetings.

All meetings of the Commission shall be held at City Hall, unless adjourned to or scheduled for another place of meeting and written notice has been given. Meetings will normally be held every month at an established time. All meetings and matters of business of the Commission will be conducted in accordance with provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Section 54950 through 54926, as currently enacted and periodically amended by the State of California.

The following shall be the order of business at regular meetings of the Public Safety Commission:

1. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
3. Public Input
4. Action Items
5. Adjournment

Section 12. Scope and Duties.

The scope of the Commission's role with respect to public safety includes, but is not limited to, traffic and pedestrian safety, emergency response and preparedness and other crises, as well as the City's efforts to control and reduce criminal activities of all types.

The Public Safety Commission shall have the following duties:

1. Study and report to the City Council upon any matter referred to it by the City Council.
2. Advise the Council in matters pertaining to traffic issues and public safety.
3. Serve as liaison between the public and the City Council.

4. Conduct analysis and provide recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council on matters related to the circulation of motorized vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles, and on matters related to public safety.
5. Conduct informational and educational meetings, prepare reports and analyses, and work with Blue Lake Volunteer Fire District, Neighborhood Watch, CERT, special districts, volunteer patrols, sheriff personnel and other neighborhood, local and regional groups dedicated to public safety and emergency preparedness and response activities as appropriate.

Section 13. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, phrase, portion or part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, clause, phrase, part or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, clauses, phrases, parts or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 14. Adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Section 14. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect thirty days after its adoption.

Passed, Approved and Adopted by the City Council of the City of Blue Lake, at a regular meeting held on May 9, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: Jones, Daugherty, Lynch, Ricca

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Attest:



City Clerk, City of Blue Lake



Mayor, City of Blue Lake

RALPH M. BROWN ACT

JANUARY 2026

**GOVERNMENT CODE - TITLE 5. LOCAL AGENCIES [50001 - 57607]
DIVISION 2. CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER AGENCIES [53000 - 55821]**

**PART 1. POWERS AND DUTIES COMMON TO CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER
AGENCIES [53000 - 54999.7]**

CHAPTER 9. Meetings [54950 - 54963]
(*Chapter 9 added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 1588.*)

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54950. In enacting this chapter, the Legislature finds and declares that the public commissions, boards and councils and the other public agencies in this State exist to aid in the conduct of the people’s business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly.

The people of this State do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created. *(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 1588.)*

54950.5. This chapter shall be known as the Ralph M. Brown Act. *(Added by Stats. 1961, Ch. 115.)*

54951. As used in this chapter, “local agency” means a county, city, whether general law or chartered, city and county, town, school district, municipal corporation, district, political subdivision, or any board, commission or agency thereof, or other local public agency. *(Amended by Stats. 1959, Ch. 1417.)*

54952. As used in this chapter, “legislative body” means:

- (a) The governing body of a local agency or any other local body created by state or federal statute.
- (b) A commission, committee, board, or other body of a local agency, whether permanent or temporary, decisionmaking or advisory, created by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body. However, advisory committees, composed solely of the members of the legislative body that are less than a quorum of the legislative body are not legislative bodies, except that standing committees of a legislative body, irrespective of their composition, which have a continuing subject matter jurisdiction, or a meeting schedule fixed by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body are legislative bodies for purposes of this chapter.
- (c) (1) A board, commission, committee, or other multimember body that governs a private corporation, limited liability company, or other entity that either:
 - (A) Is created by the elected legislative body in order to exercise authority that may lawfully be delegated by the elected governing body to a private corporation, limited liability company, or other entity.
 - (B) Receives funds from a local agency and the membership of whose governing body includes a member of the legislative body

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of the local agency appointed to that governing body as a full voting member by the legislative body of the local agency.

(2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1), no board, commission, committee, or other multimember body that governs a private corporation, limited liability company, or other entity that receives funds from a local agency and, as of February 9, 1996, has a member of the legislative body of the local agency as a full voting member of the governing body of that private corporation, limited liability company, or other entity shall be relieved from the public meeting requirements of this chapter by virtue of a change in status of the full voting member to a nonvoting member.

- (d) The lessee of any hospital the whole or part of which is first leased pursuant to subdivision (p) of Section 32121 of the Health and Safety Code after January 1, 1994, where the lessee exercises any material authority of a legislative body of a local agency delegated to it by that legislative body whether the lessee is organized and operated by the local agency or by a delegated authority. *(Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1073, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2003.)*

54952.1. Any person elected to serve as a member of a legislative body who has not yet assumed the duties of office shall conform his or her conduct to the requirements of this chapter and shall be treated for purposes of enforcement of this chapter as if he or she has already assumed office. *(Amended by Stats. 1994, Ch. 32, Sec. 2. Effective March 30, 1994. Operative April 1, 1994, by Sec. 23 of Ch. 32.)*

54952.2. (a) As used in this chapter, "meeting" means any congregation of a majority of the members of a legislative body at the same time and location, including teleconference location as permitted by Section 54953, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

- (b) (1) A majority of the members of a legislative body shall not, outside a meeting authorized by this chapter, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not be construed as preventing an employee or official of a local agency, from engaging in separate conversations or communications outside of a meeting authorized by this chapter with members of a legislative body in order to answer questions or provide information regarding a matter that is within the subject matter

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jurisdiction of the local agency, if that person does not communicate to members of the legislative body the comments or position of any other member or members of the legislative body.

(3) (A) Paragraph (1) shall not be construed as preventing a member of the legislative body from engaging in separate conversations or communications on an internet-based social media platform to answer questions, provide information to the public, or to solicit information from the public regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body provided that a majority of the members of the legislative body do not use the internet-based social media platform to discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. A member of the legislative body shall not respond directly to any communication on an internet-based social media platform regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body that is made, posted, or shared by any other member of the legislative body.

(B) For purposes of this paragraph, all of the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Discuss among themselves" means communications made, posted, or shared on an internet-based social media platform between members of a legislative body, including comments or use of digital icons that express reactions to communications made by other members of the legislative body.

(ii) "Internet-based social media platform" means an online service that is open and accessible to the public.

(iii) "Open and accessible to the public" means that members of the general public have the ability to access and participate, free of charge, in the social media platform without the approval by the social media platform or a person or entity other than the social media platform, including any forum and chatroom, and cannot be blocked from doing so, except when the internet-based social media platform determines that an individual violated its protocols or rules.

(c) Nothing in this section shall impose the requirements of this chapter upon any of the following:

(1) Individual contacts or conversations between a member of a legislative body and any other person that do not violate subdivision (b).

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(2) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at a conference or similar gathering open to the public that involves a discussion of issues of general interest to the public or to public agencies of the type represented by the legislative body, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to allow members of the public free admission to a conference or similar gathering at which the organizers have required other participants or registrants to pay fees or charges as a condition of attendance.

(3) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and publicized meeting organized to address a topic of local community concern by a person or organization other than the local agency, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

(4) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and noticed meeting of another body of the local agency, or at an open and noticed meeting of a legislative body of another local agency, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled meeting, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

(5) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at a purely social or ceremonial occasion, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

(6) The attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of that body, provided that the members of the legislative body who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers. *(Amended (as amended by Stats. 2020, Ch. 89, Sec. 1) by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 1. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)*

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54952.3. (a) A legislative body that has convened a meeting and whose membership constitutes a quorum of any other legislative body may convene a meeting of that other legislative body, simultaneously or in serial order, only if a clerk or a member of the convened legislative body verbally announces, prior to convening any simultaneous or serial order meeting of that subsequent legislative body, the amount of compensation or stipend, if any, that each member will be entitled to receive as a result of convening the simultaneous or serial meeting of the subsequent legislative body and identifies that the compensation or stipend shall be provided as a result of convening a meeting for which each member is entitled to collect compensation or a stipend. However, the clerk or member of the legislative body shall not be required to announce the amount of compensation if the amount of compensation is prescribed in statute and no additional compensation has been authorized by a local agency.

(b) For purposes of this section, compensation and stipend shall not include amounts reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred by a member in the performance of the member's official duties, including, but not limited to, reimbursement of expenses relating to travel, meals, and lodging. *(Added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 91, Sec. 1. (AB 23) Effective January 1, 2012.)*

54952.6. As used in this chapter, "action taken" means a collective decision made by a majority of the members of a legislative body, a collective commitment or promise by a majority of the members of a legislative body to make a positive or a negative decision, or an actual vote by a majority of the members of a legislative body when sitting as a body or entity, upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order or ordinance. *(Added by Stats. 1961, Ch. 1671.)*

54952.7. A local agency shall provide a copy of this chapter to any person elected or appointed to serve as a member of a legislative body of the local agency. *(Amended by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 3. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)*

54953.

- (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.
- (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all otherwise applicable requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting or proceeding.

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(2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, the legislative body of a local agency shall comply with all of the following:

(A) All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

(B) The teleconferenced meetings shall be conducted in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency.

(C) The legislative body shall give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required by this chapter.

(D) The legislative body shall allow members of the public to access the meeting and the agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3.

(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as expressly provided in this chapter.

(4) The teleconferencing requirements of this subdivision shall not apply to remote participation described in subdivision (c).

(c) (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a member of a legislative body with a disability from participating in any meeting of the legislative body by remote participation as a reasonable accommodation pursuant to any applicable law.

(2) A member of a legislative body participating in a meeting by remote participation pursuant to this subdivision shall do both of the following:

(A) The member shall participate through both audio and visual technology, except that any member with a disability, as defined in Section 12102 of Title 42 of the United States Code, may participate

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only through audio technology if a physical condition related to their disability results in a need to participate off camera.

(B) The member shall disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with any of those individuals.

(3) Remote participation under this subdivision shall be treated as in-person attendance at the physical meeting location for all purposes, including any requirement that a quorum of the legislative body participate from any particular location. The provisions of subdivision (b) and Sections 54953.8 to 54953.8.7, inclusive, shall not apply to remote participation under this subdivision.

(d) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final.

(2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

(3) (A) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of either of the following during the open meeting in which the final action is to be taken:

(i) A local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1.

(ii) A department head or other similar administrative officer of the local agency.

(B) This paragraph shall not affect the public's right under the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1) to inspect or copy records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation.

(e) For purposes of this section, both of the following definitions apply:

(1) "Disability" means a physical disability or a mental disability as those terms are defined in Section 12926 and used in Section 12926.1, or a disability as defined in Section 12102 of Title 42 of the United States Code.

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(2) (A) "Teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), "teleconference" does not include one or more members watching or listening to a meeting via webcasting or any other similar electronic medium that does not permit members to interactively speak, discuss, or deliberate on matters.

(3) "Remote participation" means participation in a meeting by teleconference at a location other than any physical meeting location designated in the notice of the meeting. *(Amended (as amended by Stats. 2023, Ch. 534, Sec. 2) by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 4. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)*

54953.1. The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to prohibit the members of the legislative body of a local agency from giving testimony in private before a grand jury, either as individuals or as a body. *(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 950.)*

54953.2. All meetings of a legislative body of a local agency that are open and public shall meet the protections and prohibitions contained in Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. *(Added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 300, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2003.)*

54953.3. A member of the public shall not be required, as a condition to attendance at a meeting of a legislative body of a local agency, to register his or her name, to provide other information, to complete a questionnaire, or otherwise to fulfill any condition precedent to his or her attendance.

If an attendance list, register, questionnaire, or other similar document is posted at or near the entrance to the room where the meeting is to be held, or is circulated to the persons present during the meeting, it shall state clearly that the signing, registering, or completion of the document is voluntary, and that all persons may attend the meeting regardless of whether a person signs, registers, or completes the document. *(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 968, Sec. 28.)*

54953.4. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that public access, including through translation of agendas as required by this section, is necessary for an informed populace. The Legislature encourages local agencies to adopt public access requirements that exceed the requirements of this chapter by translating additional languages, employing human translators, and conducting additional outreach.

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(b) (1) In addition to any other applicable requirements of this chapter, a meeting held by a eligible legislative body pursuant to this chapter shall comply with both of the following requirements:

(A) (i) (I) (ia) All open and public meetings shall include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform, except if adequate telephonic or internet service is not operational at the meeting location. If adequate telephonic or internet service is operational at the meeting location during only a portion of the meeting, the legislative body shall include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform during that portion of the meeting.

(ib) (Ia) On or before July 1, 2026, an eligible legislative body shall approve at a noticed public meeting in open session, not on the consent calendar, a policy regarding disruption of telephonic or internet service occurring during meetings subject to this sub-subclause. The policy shall address the procedures for recessing and reconvening a meeting in the event of disruption and the efforts that the eligible legislative body shall make to attempt to restore the service.

(Ib) If a disruption of telephonic or internet service that prevents members of the public from attending or observing the meeting via the two-way telephonic service or two-way audiovisual platform occurs during the meeting, the eligible legislative body shall recess the open session of the meeting for at least one hour and make a good faith attempt to restore the service. The eligible legislative body may meet in closed session during this period. The eligible legislative body shall not reconvene the open session of the meeting until at least one hour following the disruption, or until telephonic or internet service is restored, whichever is earlier.

(Ic) Upon reconvening the open session, if telephonic or internet service has not been restored, the eligible legislative body shall adopt a finding by rollcall vote that good faith efforts to restore the telephonic or internet service have been made in accordance with the policy adopted pursuant to sub-sub-subclause (Ia) and that the public interest in continuing the meeting outweighs the public interest in remote public access.

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(II) Subclause (I) does not apply to a meeting that is held to do any of the following:

(ia) Attend a judicial or administrative proceeding to which the local agency is a party.

(ib) Inspect real or personal property provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the real or personal property.

(ic) Meet with elected or appointed officials of the United States or the State of California, solely to discuss a legislative or regulatory issue affecting the local agency and over which the federal or state officials have jurisdiction.

(id) Meet in or nearby a facility owned by the agency, provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the facility.

(ie) Meet in an emergency situation pursuant to Section 54956.5.

(ii) If an eligible legislative body elects to provide a two-way audiovisual platform, the eligible legislative body shall publicly post and provide a call-in option, and activate any automatic captioning function during the meeting if an automatic captioning function is included with the two-way audiovisual platform. If an eligible legislative body does not elect to provide a two-way audiovisual platform, the eligible legislative body shall provide a two-way telephonic service for the public to participate in the meeting, pursuant to subclause (I).

(B) (i) All open and public meetings for which attendance via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform is provided in accordance with paragraph (1) shall provide the public with an opportunity to provide public comment in accordance with Section 54954.3 via the two-way telephonic or two-way audiovisual platform, and ensure the opportunity for the members of the public participating via a two-way telephonic or two-way audiovisual platform to provide public comment with the same time allotment as a person attending a meeting in person.

(2) (A) An eligible legislative body shall reasonably assist members of the public who wish to translate a public meeting into any language or wish to receive interpretation provided by another member of the public, so long as the interpretation is not disrupting to the meeting, as defined in Section 54957.95. The eligible legislative body shall publicize instructions on how to request assistance under this subdivision. Assistance may include any of the following, as determined by the eligible legislative body:

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- (i) Arranging space for one or more interpreters at the meeting location.
- (ii) Allowing extra time during the meeting for interpretation to occur.
- (iii) Ensuring participants may utilize their personal equipment or reasonably access facilities for participants to access commercially available interpretation services.

(B) This section does not require an eligible legislative body to provide interpretation of any public meeting, however, an eligible legislative body may elect to provide interpretation of any public meeting.

(C) The eligible legislative body is not responsible for the content or accuracy of any interpretation facilitated, assisted with, or provided under this subdivision. An action shall not be commenced or maintained against the eligible legislative body arising from the content or accuracy of any interpretation facilitated, assisted with, or provided under this subdivision.

(3) An eligible legislative body shall take the following actions to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English-speaking communities, to participate in public meetings:

(A) Have in place a system for electronically accepting and fulfilling requests for meeting agendas and documents pursuant to Section 54954.1 through email or through an integrated agenda management platform. Information about how to make a request using this system shall be accessible through a prominent direct link posted on the primary internet website home page of the eligible legislative body.

(B) (i) Create and maintain an accessible internet webpage dedicated to public meetings that includes, or provides a link to, all of the following information:

(I) A general explanation of the public meeting process for the eligible legislative body.

(II) An explanation of the procedures for a member of the public to provide in-person or remote oral public comment during a public meeting or to submit written public comment.

(III) A calendar of all public meeting dates with calendar listings that include the date, time, and location of each public meeting.

(IV) The agenda posted online pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 54954.2.

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(ii) The eligible legislative body shall include a link to the webpage required by subparagraph (A) on the home page of the eligible legislative body's internet website.

(C) (i) Make reasonable efforts, as determined by the legislative body, to invite groups that do not traditionally participate in public meetings to attend those meetings, which may include, but are not limited to, all the following:

(I) Media organizations that provide news coverage in the jurisdiction of the eligible legislative body, including media organizations that serve non-English-speaking communities.

(II) Good government, civil rights, civic engagement, neighborhood, and community group organizations, or similar organizations that are active in the jurisdiction of the eligible legislative body, including organizations active in non-English-speaking communities.

(ii) Legislative bodies shall have broad discretion in the choice of reasonable efforts they make under this subparagraph. No action shall be commenced or maintained against an eligible legislative body arising from failing to provide public meeting information to any specific group pursuant to this subparagraph.

(c) (1) (A) The agenda for each meeting of an eligible legislative body shall be translated into all applicable languages, and each translation shall be posted in accordance with Section 54954.2. Each translation shall include instructions in the applicable language describing how to join the meeting by the telephonic or internet-based service option, including any requirements for registration for public comment.

(B) The accessible internet webpage provided under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) shall be translated into all applicable languages, and each translation shall be accessible through a prominent direct link posted on the primary internet website home page of the eligible legislative body.

(2) A translation made using a digital translation service shall satisfy the requirements of paragraph (1).

(3) The eligible legislative body shall make available a physical location that is freely accessible to the public in reasonable proximity to the physical location in which the agenda and translations are posted as described in paragraph (1), and shall allow members of the public to post additional translations of the agenda in that location.

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(4) The eligible legislative body is not responsible for the content or accuracy of any translation provided pursuant to this subdivision. No action shall be commenced or maintained against an eligible legislative body arising from the content, accuracy, posting, or removal of any translation provided by the eligible legislative body or posted by any person pursuant to this subdivision.

(5) For the purposes of this section, the agenda does not include the entire agenda packet.

(d) This section shall not be construed to affect or supersede any other applicable civil rights, nondiscrimination, or public access laws.

(e) For purposes of this section, all of the following definitions apply:

(1) (A) "Applicable languages" means languages, according to data from the most recent American Community Survey, spoken jointly by 20 percent or more of the applicable population, provided that 20 percent or more of the population that speaks that language in that city or county speaks English less than "very well."

(B) For the purposes of subparagraph (A), the applicable population shall be determined as follows:

(i) For an eligible legislative body that is a city council or county board of supervisors, the applicable population shall be the population of the city or county.

(ii) For an eligible legislative body of a special district, the applicable population shall be either of the following, at the discretion of the board of directors of the special district:

(I) The population of the county with the greatest population within the boundaries of the special district.

(II) The population of the service area of the special district, if the special district has the data to determine what languages spoken by the population within its service area meet the requirements of paragraph (A).

(C) If more than three languages meet the criteria set forth in subparagraph (A), "applicable languages" shall mean the three languages described in subparagraph (A) that are spoken by the largest percentage of the population.

(D) An eligible legislative body may elect to determine the applicable languages based upon a source other than the most recent American Community Survey if it makes a finding, based upon substantial evidence, that the other source provides equally or more reliable data for the territory over which the eligible legislative body exercises jurisdiction.

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(2) "Eligible legislative body" means any of the following:

(A) A city council of a city with a population of 30,000 or more.

(B) A county board of supervisors of a county, or city and county, with a population of 30,000 or more.

(C) A city council of a city located in a county with a population of 600,000 or more.

(D) The board of directors of a special district that has an internet website and meets any of the following conditions:

(i) The boundaries of the special district include the entirety of a county with a population of 600,000 or more, and the special district has over 200 full-time equivalent employees.

(ii) The special district has over 1,000 full-time equivalent employees.

(iii) The special district has annual revenues, based on the most recent Financial Transaction Report data published by the California State Controller, that exceed four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000), adjusted annually for inflation commencing January 1, 2027, as measured by the percentage change in the California Consumer Price Index from January 1 of the prior year to January 1 of the current year, and the special district employs over 200 full-time equivalent employees.

(3) "Two-way audiovisual platform" means an online platform that provides participants with the ability to participate in a meeting via both an interactive video conference and a two-way telephonic service.

(4) "Two-way telephonic service" means a telephone service that does not require internet access and allows participants to dial a telephone number to listen and verbally participate.

(f) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2026.

(g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed. *(Added by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 5. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026. Operative July 1, 2026, by its own provisions. Repealed as of January 1, 2030, by its own provisions.)*

54953.5. (a) Any person attending an open and public meeting of a legislative body of a local agency shall have the right to record the proceedings in the absence of a reasonable finding by the legislative body of the local agency that the recording cannot continue without noise, illumination, or obstruction of view that constitutes, or would constitute, a persistent disruption of the proceedings.

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(b) Any recording of an open and public meeting made for whatever purpose by or at the direction of the local agency shall be subject to inspection pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1), but, notwithstanding Section 34090, may be erased or destroyed 30 days after the recording. Any inspection of an audio or video recording shall be provided without charge on equipment made available by the local agency. *(Amended by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 6. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)*

54953.6. No legislative body of a local agency shall prohibit or otherwise restrict the broadcast of its open and public meetings in the absence of a reasonable finding that the broadcast cannot be accomplished without noise, illumination, or obstruction of view that would constitute a persistent disruption of the proceedings. *(Amended by Stats. 1994, Ch. 32, Sec. 6. Effective March 30, 1994. Operative April 1, 1994, by Sec. 23 of Ch. 32.)*

54953.7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, legislative bodies of local agencies may impose requirements upon themselves which allow greater access to their meetings than prescribed by the minimal standards set forth in this chapter. In addition thereto, an elected legislative body of a local agency may impose those requirements on appointed legislative bodies of the local agency. *(Amended by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 7. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)*

54953.8. (a) The legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing as authorized by subdivision (b) of Section 54953 without complying with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 54953 in any of the circumstances described in Sections 54953.8.1 to 54953.8.7, inclusive.

(b) A legislative body that holds a teleconference meeting pursuant to this section shall, in addition to any other applicable requirements of this chapter, comply with all of the following:

(1) The legislative body shall provide at least one of the following as a means by which the public may remotely hear and visually observe the meeting, and remotely address the legislative body:

(A) A two-way audiovisual platform.

(B) A two-way telephonic service and a live webcasting of the meeting.

(2) In each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconference meeting held pursuant to this section is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the

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legislative body shall also give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment. The agenda shall identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option.

(3) In the event of a disruption that prevents the legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(4) The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time.

(5) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the local legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(6)(A) A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(B) A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

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(C) A legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

(7) Any member of the legislative body who participates in a teleconference meeting from a remote location pursuant to this section and the specific provision of law that the member relied upon to permit their participation by teleconferencing shall be listed in the minutes of the meeting.

(8) The legislative body shall have and implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and resolving any doubt in favor of accessibility. In each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body shall also give notice of the procedure for receiving and resolving requests for accommodation.

(9) The legislative body shall conduct meetings subject to this chapter consistent with applicable civil rights and nondiscrimination laws.

(c) A local agency shall identify and make available to legislative bodies a list of one or more meeting locations that may be available for use by the legislative bodies to conduct their meetings.

(d) (1) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a legislative body from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a legislative body from providing the public with additional physical locations in which the public may observe and address the legislative body by electronic means.

(e) A member of a legislative body who participates in a teleconference meeting from a remote location pursuant to this section shall publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the

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remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with those individuals.

- (f) The teleconferencing provisions described in Section 54953 and Sections 54953.8.1 to 54953.8.7, inclusive, are cumulative. A legislative body may elect to use any teleconferencing provisions that are applicable to a meeting, regardless of whether any other teleconferencing provisions would also be applicable to that meeting.
- (g) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:
 - (1) "Remote location" means a location from which a member of a legislative body participates in a meeting pursuant to paragraph (7) of subdivision (b), other than any physical meeting location designated in the notice of the meeting. Remote locations need not be accessible to the public.
 - (2) "Teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both.
 - (3) "Two-way audiovisual platform" means an online platform that provides participants with the ability to participate in a meeting via both an interactive video conference and a two-way telephonic service. A two-way audiovisual platform may be structured to disable the use of video for the public participants.
 - (4) "Two-way telephonic service" means a telephone service that does not require internet access and allows participants to dial a telephone number to listen and verbally participate.
 - (5) "Webcasting" means a streaming video broadcast online or on television, using streaming media technology to distribute a single content source to many simultaneous listeners and viewers. *(Added by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 8. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)*

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54953.8.1. (a) A health authority may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8, provided that it complies with the requirements of that section.

(b) Nothing in this section or Section 54953.8 shall be construed as discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction of the authority.

(c) For purposes of this section, a health authority means any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31, 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more members. *(Added by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 9. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)*

54953.8.2. (a) A legislative body of a local agency may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8 during a proclaimed state of emergency or local emergency, provided that it complies with the requirements of that section and the teleconferencing is used in either of the following circumstances:

(1) For the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(2) After a determination described in paragraph (1) is made that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(b) If the state of emergency or local emergency remains active, in order to continue to teleconference pursuant to this section, the legislative body shall, no later than 45 days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to this section, and every 45 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:

(1) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency or local emergency.

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(2) The state of emergency or local emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

(c) This section shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 54953.8, a legislative body conducting a teleconference meeting pursuant to this section may elect to use a two-way telephonic service without a live webcasting of the meeting.

(e) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Local emergency" means a condition of extreme peril to persons or property proclaimed by the governing body of the local agency affected, in accordance with Section 8630 of the California Emergency Services Act (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 8550) of Division 1 of Title 2), as defined in Section 8680.9, or a local health emergency declared pursuant to Section 101080 of the Health and Safety Code. Local emergency, as used in this section, refers only to local emergencies in the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction.

(2) "State of emergency" means state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 8550) of Division 1 of Title 2). *(Added by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 10. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)*

54953.8.3. (a) A legislative body of a local agency may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8 if, during the teleconference meeting, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda, which location shall be open to the public and situated within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, provided that the legislative body complies with the requirements of Section 54953.8 and all of the following additional requirements:

(1) A member of the legislative body notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity possible, including at the start of a regular meeting, of their need to participate remotely for just

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cause, including a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting.

(2) The member shall participate through both audio and visual technology.

(3)(A) The provisions of this subdivision shall not serve as a means for any member of a legislative body to participate in meetings of the legislative body solely by teleconference from a remote location for just cause for more than the following number of meetings, as applicable:

(i) Two meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less.

(ii) Five meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets twice per month.

(iii) Seven meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets three or more times per month.

(B) For the purpose of counting meetings attended by teleconference under this paragraph, a "meeting" shall be defined as any number of meetings of the legislative body of a local agency that begin on the same calendar day.

(b) The minutes for the meeting shall identify the specific provision in subdivision.

(c) that each member relied upon to participate remotely. This subdivision shall not be construed to require the member to disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information that is otherwise exempt under existing law, including, but not limited to, the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 56) of Part 2.6 of Division 1 of the Civil Code).

(c) For purposes of this section, "just cause" means any of the following:

(1) Childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely. "Child," "parent," "grandparent," "grandchild," and "sibling" have the same meaning as those terms do in Section 12945.2.

(2) A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person.

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(3) A need related to a physical or mental condition that is not subject to subdivision (c) of Section 54953.

(4) Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.

(5) An immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner of the member that requires the member to participate remotely.

(6) A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.

(7) Military service obligations that result in a member being unable to attend in person because they are serving under official written orders for active duty, drill, annual training, or any other duty required as a member of the California National Guard or a United States Military Reserve organization that requires the member to be at least 50 miles outside the boundaries of the local agency.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed. *(Added by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 11. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026. Repealed as of January 1, 2030, by its own provisions.)*

54953.8.4.

(a) An eligible neighborhood council may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8, provided that it complies with the requirements of that section and all of the following have occurred:

(1) (A) The city council for a city described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) considers whether to adopt a resolution to authorize eligible neighborhood councils to use teleconferencing as described in this section at an open and regular meeting.

(B) If the city council adopts a resolution described in subparagraph (A), an eligible neighborhood council may elect to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section if a majority of the eligible neighborhood council votes to do so. The eligible neighborhood council shall notify the city council if it elects to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section and its justification for doing so.

(C) Upon receiving notification from an eligible neighborhood council resolution to prohibit the eligible neighborhood council from using teleconferencing pursuant to this section.

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(2) After completing the requirements of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1), an eligible neighborhood council that holds a meeting pursuant to this subdivision shall do all of the following:

(A) At least a quorum of the members of the eligible neighborhood council shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the city in which the eligible neighborhood council is established.

(B) At least once per year, at least a quorum of the members of the eligible neighborhood council shall participate in person from a singular physical location that is open to the public and within the boundaries of the eligible neighborhood council.

(3) If the meeting is during regular business hours of the offices of the city council member that represents the area that includes the eligible neighborhood council, the eligible neighborhood council shall provide a publicly accessible physical location from which the public may attend or comment, which shall be the offices of the city council member who represents the area where the eligible neighborhood council is located, unless the eligible neighborhood council identifies an alternative location.

(4) If the meeting is outside regular business hours, the eligible neighborhood council shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate any member of the public that requests an accommodation to participate in the meeting.

(b) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Accommodation" means providing a publicly accessible physical location for the member of the public to participate from, providing access to technology necessary to participate in the meeting, or identifying locations or resources available that could provide the member of the public with an opportunity to participate in the meeting.

(2) "Eligible neighborhood council" means a neighborhood council that is an advisory body with the purpose to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs that is established pursuant to the charter of a city with a population of more than 3,000,000 people that is subject to this chapter.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed. *(Added by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 12. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026. Repealed as of January 1, 2030, by its own provisions.)*

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54953.8.5.

(a) An eligible community college student organization may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8, provided that it complies with the requirements of that section and all of the following additional requirements:

(1) An eligible community college student organization may only use teleconferencing as described in Section 54953.8 after all the following have occurred:

(A) The board of trustees for a community college district considers whether to adopt a resolution to authorize eligible community college student organizations to use teleconferencing as described in this section at an open and regular meeting.

(B) If the board of trustees for a community college district adopts a resolution described in subparagraph (A), an eligible community college student organization may elect to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section if a majority of the eligible community college student organization votes to do so. The eligible community college student organization shall notify the board of trustees if it elects to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section and its justification for doing so.

(C) Upon receiving notification from an eligible community college student organization as described in subparagraph (B), the board of trustees may adopt a resolution to prohibit the eligible community college student organization from using teleconferencing pursuant to this section.

(D) (i) Except as specified in clause (ii), at least a quorum of the members of the eligible community college student organization shall participate from a singular physical location that is accessible to the public and is within the community college district in which the eligible community college student organization is established.

(ii) The requirements described in clause (i) shall not apply to the California Online Community College.

(iii) Notwithstanding the requirements of clause (i), a person may count toward the establishment of a quorum pursuant to clause (i) regardless of whether the person is participating at the in-person location of the meeting or remotely if the person meets any of the following criteria:

(I) The person is under 18 years of age.

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(II) The person is incarcerated.

(III) The person is unable to disclose the location that they are participating from because of either of the following circumstances:

(ia) The person has been issued a protective court order, including, but not limited to, a domestic violence restraining order.

(ib) The person is participating in a program that has to remain confidential, including, but not limited to, an independent living program.

(IV) The person provides childcare or caregiving to a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely. For purposes of this subclause, "child," "parent," "grandparent," "grandchild," and "sibling" have the same meaning as those terms are defined in Section 12945.2.

(2) An eligible community college student organization that holds a meeting by teleconference as described in Section 54953.8 shall do the following, as applicable:

(A) (i) Except as specified in subparagraph (B), if the meeting is during regular business hours of the offices of the board of trustees of the community college district, the eligible community college student organization shall provide a publicly accessible physical location from which the public may attend or comment, which shall be the offices of the board of trustees of the community college district, unless the eligible community college student organization identifies an alternative location.

(ii) Except as specified in subparagraph (B), if the meeting is outside regular business hours, the eligible community college student organization shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate any member of the public that requests an accommodation to participate in the meeting. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "accommodation" means providing a publicly accessible physical location for the member of the public to participate from, providing access to technology necessary to participate in the meeting, or identifying locations or resources available that could provide the member of the public with an opportunity to participate in the meeting.

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(B) The requirements described in subparagraph (A) shall not apply to the California Online Community College.

(b) For purposes of this section, “eligible community college student organization” means a student body association organized pursuant to Section 76060 of the Education Code, or any other student-run community college organization that is required to comply with the meeting requirements of this chapter, that is in any community college recognized within the California Community Colleges system and includes the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed. *(Added by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 13. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026. Repealed as of January 1, 2030, by its own provisions.)*

54953.8.6.

(a) An eligible subsidiary body may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8, provided that it complies with the requirements of that section and all of the following additional requirements:

(1) The eligible subsidiary body shall designate one physical meeting location within the boundaries of the legislative body that created the eligible subsidiary body where members of the subsidiary body who are not participating remotely shall be present and members of the public may physically attend, observe, hear, and participate in the meeting. At least one staff member of the eligible subsidiary body or the legislative body that created the eligible subsidiary body shall be present at the physical meeting location during the meeting. The eligible subsidiary body shall post the agenda at the physical meeting location, but need not post the agenda at a remote location.

(2)(A) A member of the eligible subsidiary body shall visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform, except if the member has a physical or mental condition not subject to subdivision (c) of Section 54953 that results in a need to participate off camera.

(B) The visual appearance of a member of the eligible subsidiary body on camera may cease only when the appearance would be technologically infeasible, including, but not limited to, when the member experiences a lack of reliable broadband or internet connectivity that would be remedied by joining without video.

(C) If a member of the eligible subsidiary body does not appear on camera due to challenges with internet connectivity, the member shall announce the reason for their nonappearance prior to turning off their camera.

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(3) An elected official serving as a member of an eligible subsidiary body in their official capacity shall not participate in a meeting of the eligible subsidiary body by teleconferencing pursuant to this section unless the use of teleconferencing complies with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 54953.

(4) (A) In order to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section, the legislative body that established the eligible subsidiary body by charter, ordinance, resolution, or other formal action shall make the following findings by majority vote before the eligible subsidiary body uses teleconferencing pursuant to this section for the first time, and every six months thereafter:

(i) The legislative body has considered the circumstances of the eligible subsidiary body.

(ii) Teleconference meetings of the eligible subsidiary body would enhance public access to meetings of the eligible subsidiary body, and the public has been made aware of the type of remote participation, including audio-visual or telephonic, that will be made available at a regularly scheduled meeting and has been provided the opportunity to comment at an in-person meeting of the legislative body authorizing the subsidiary body to meet entirely remotely.

(iii) Teleconference meetings of the eligible subsidiary body would promote the attraction, retention, and diversity of eligible subsidiary body members.

(B) (i) An eligible subsidiary body authorized to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section may request to present any recommendations it develops to the legislative body that created it.

(ii) Upon receiving a request described in clause (i), the legislative body that created the subsidiary body shall hold a discussion at a regular meeting held within 60 days after the legislative body receives the request, or if the legislative body does not have another regular meeting scheduled within 60 days after the legislative body receives the request, at the next regular meeting after the request is received.

(iii) The discussion required by clause (ii) shall not be placed on a consent calendar, but may be combined with the legislative body's subsequent consideration of the findings described in subparagraph (A) for the following 12 months.

(iv) The legislative body shall not take any action on any recommendations included in the report of a subsidiary body until the next regular meeting of the legislative body following the discussion described in clause (ii).

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(C) After the legislative body makes the findings described in subparagraph (A), the eligible subsidiary body shall approve the use of teleconferencing by majority vote before using teleconference pursuant to this section.

(D) The legislative body that created the eligible subsidiary body may elect to prohibit the eligible subsidiary body from using teleconferencing pursuant to this section at any time.

(b) (1) For purposes of this section, “eligible subsidiary body” means a legislative body that meets all of the following:

(A) Is described in subdivision (b) of Section 54952.

(B) Serves exclusively in an advisory capacity.

(C) Is not authorized to take final action on legislation, regulations, contracts, licenses, permits, or any other entitlements, grants, or allocations of funds.

(D) Does not have primary subject matter jurisdiction, as defined by the charter, an ordinance, a resolution, or any formal action of the legislative body that created the subsidiary body, that focuses on elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, removing from, or restricting access to, materials available in public libraries, or taxes or related spending proposals.

(2) An eligible subsidiary body may include members who are elected officials, members who are not elected officials, or any combination thereof.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

(Added by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 14. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026. Repealed as of January 1, 2030, by its own provisions.)

54953.8.7.

(a) An eligible multijurisdictional body may conduct a teleconference meeting pursuant to Section 54953.8, provided that it complies with the requirements of that section and all of the following additional requirements:

(1) The eligible multijurisdictional body has adopted a resolution that authorizes the eligible multijurisdictional body to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section at a regular meeting in open session.

(2) At least a quorum of the members of the eligible multijurisdictional body shall participate from one or more physical locations that are open to the public and within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction.

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(3) A member of the eligible multijurisdictional body who receives compensation for their service on the eligible multijurisdictional body shall participate from a physical location that is open to the public. For purposes of this paragraph, "compensation" does not include reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses.

(4) A member of the eligible multijurisdictional body may participate from a remote location provided that:

(A) The eligible multijurisdictional body identifies each member of the eligible multijurisdictional body who plans to participate remotely in the agenda.

(B) The member shall participate through both audio and visual technology.

(5) A member of the eligible multijurisdictional body shall not participate in a meeting remotely pursuant to this section, unless the location from which the member participates is more than 20 miles each way from any physical location of the meeting described in paragraph (2).

(6) The provisions of this section shall not serve as a means for any member of a legislative body to participate in meetings of the legislative body solely by teleconference from a remote location for more than the following number of meetings, as applicable:

(A) Two meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less.

(B) Five meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets twice per month.

(C) Seven meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets three or more times per month.

(D) For the purpose of counting meetings attended by teleconference under this paragraph, a "meeting" shall be defined as any number of meetings of the legislative body of a local agency that begin on the same calendar day.

(b) For the purposes of this section, both of the following definitions apply:

(1) "Eligible multijurisdictional body" means a multijurisdictional board, commission, or advisory body of a multijurisdictional, cross-county agency, the membership of which board, commission, or advisory body is appointed, and the board, commission, or advisory body is otherwise subject to this chapter.

(2) "Multijurisdictional" means either of the following:

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(A) A legislative body that includes representatives from more than one county, city, city and county, or special district.

(B) A legislative body of a joint powers entity formed pursuant to an agreement entered into in accordance with Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

(Added by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 15. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026. Repealed as of January 1, 2030, by its own provisions.)

54954.

(a) Each legislative body of a local agency, except for advisory committees or standing committees, shall provide, by ordinance, resolution, bylaws, or by whatever other rule is required for the conduct of business by that body, the time and place for holding regular meetings. Meetings of advisory committees or standing committees, for which an agenda is posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54954.2, shall be considered for purposes of this chapter as regular meetings of the legislative body.

(b) Regular and special meetings of the legislative body shall be held within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except to do any of the following:

(1) Comply with state or federal law or court order, or attend a judicial or administrative proceeding to which the local agency is a party.

(2) Inspect real or personal property which cannot be conveniently brought within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the real or personal property.

(3) Participate in meetings or discussions of multiagency significance that are outside the boundaries of a local agency's jurisdiction. However, any meeting or discussion held pursuant to this subdivision shall take place within the jurisdiction of one of the participating local agencies and be noticed by all participating agencies as provided for in this chapter.

(4) Meet in the closest meeting facility if the local agency has no meeting facility within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, or at the principal office of the local agency if that office is located outside the territory over which the agency exercises jurisdiction.

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(5) Meet outside their immediate jurisdiction with elected or appointed officials of the United States or the State of California when a local meeting would be impractical, solely to discuss a legislative or regulatory issue affecting the local agency and over which the federal or state officials have jurisdiction.

(6) Meet outside their immediate jurisdiction if the meeting takes place in or nearby a facility owned by the agency, provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the facility.

(7) Visit the office of the local agency's legal counsel for a closed session on pending litigation held pursuant to Section 54956.9, when to do so would reduce legal fees or costs.

(c) Meetings of the governing board of a school district shall be held within the district, except under the circumstances enumerated in subdivision (b), or to do any of the following:

(1) Attend a conference on nonadversarial collective bargaining techniques.

(2) Interview members of the public residing in another district with reference to the trustees' potential employment of an applicant for the position of the superintendent of the district.

(3) Interview a potential employee from another district.

(d) Meetings of a joint powers authority shall occur within the territory of at least one of its member agencies, or as provided in subdivision (b). However, a joint powers authority which has members throughout the state may meet at any facility in the state which complies with the requirements of Section 54961.

(e) If, by reason of fire, flood, earthquake, or other emergency, it shall be unsafe to meet in the place designated, the meetings shall be held for the duration of the emergency at the place designated by the presiding officer of the legislative body or his or her designee in a notice to the local media that have requested notice pursuant to Section 54956, by the most rapid means of communication available at the time. *(Amended by Stats. 2004, Ch. 257, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2005.)*

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54954.1.

Any person may request that a copy of the agenda, or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet, of any meeting of a legislative body be mailed to that person. If a local agency has an internet website, the legislative body or its designee shall email a copy of, or website link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet if the person requests that the item or items be delivered by email. If the local agency determines it is technologically infeasible to send a copy of all documents constituting the agenda packet or a link to a website that contains the documents by email or by other electronic means, the legislative body or its designee shall send by mail a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and mail a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet in accordance with the mailing requirements established pursuant to this section. If requested, the agenda and documents in the agenda packet shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. Upon receipt of the written request, the legislative body or its designee shall cause the requested materials to be mailed at the time the agenda is posted pursuant to Section 54954.2 and 54956 or upon distribution to all, or a majority of all, of the members of a legislative body, whichever occurs first. Any request for mailed copies of agendas or agenda packets shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is filed, and must be renewed following January 1 of each year. The legislative body may establish a fee for mailing the agenda or agenda packet, which fee shall not exceed the cost of providing the service. Failure of the requesting person to receive the agenda or agenda packet pursuant to this section shall not constitute grounds for invalidation of the actions of the legislative body taken at the meeting for which the agenda or agenda packet was not received.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 763, Sec. 1. (SB 274) Effective January 1, 2022.)

54954.2.

(a) (1) At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, the legislative body of the local agency, or its designee, shall post an agenda that meets all of the following requirements:

(A) The agenda shall contain a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting, including items to be discussed in closed session. A brief general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words.

(B) The agenda shall specify the time and location of the regular meeting and shall be posted in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public and on the local agency's internet website, if the local agency has one.

(C) (i) If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of

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the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof.

(ii) The agenda shall include information regarding how, to whom, and when a request for disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting.

(2) For a meeting occurring on and after January 1, 2019, of a legislative body of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state that has an internet website, the following provisions shall apply:

(A) An online posting of an agenda shall be posted on the primary internet website home page of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state that is accessible through a prominent, direct link to the current agenda. The direct link to the agenda shall not be in a contextual menu; however, a link in addition to the direct link to the agenda may be accessible through a contextual menu.

(B) An online posting of an agenda, including, but not limited to, an agenda posted in an integrated agenda management platform, shall be posted in an open format that meets all of the following requirements:

(i) Retrievable, downloadable, indexable, and electronically searchable by commonly used internet search applications.

(ii) Platform independent and machine readable.

(iii) Available to the public free of charge and without any restriction that would impede the reuse or redistribution of the agenda.

(C) A legislative body of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state that has an internet website and an integrated agenda management platform shall not be required to comply with subparagraph (A) if all of the following are met:

(i) A direct link to the integrated agenda management platform shall be posted on the primary internet website home page of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state. The direct link to the integrated agenda management platform shall not be in a contextual menu. When a person clicks on the direct link to the integrated agenda management platform, the direct link shall take the person directly to an internet website with the

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agendas of the legislative body of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state.

(ii) The integrated agenda management platform may contain the prior agendas of a legislative body of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state for all meetings occurring on or after January 1, 2019.

(iii) The current agenda of the legislative body of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state shall be the first agenda available at the top of the integrated agenda management platform.

(iv) All agendas posted in the integrated agenda management platform shall comply with the requirements in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of subparagraph (B).

(D) The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a political subdivision of a local agency that was established by the legislative body of the city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state.

(E) For purposes of this paragraph, both of the following definitions apply:

(1) "Integrated agenda management platform" means an internet website of a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state dedicated to providing the entirety of the agenda information for the legislative body of the city, county, city and county, special district, school district, or political subdivision established by the state to the public.

(2) "Legislative body" means a legislative body that meets the definition of subdivision (a) of Section 54952.

(3) No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on their own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the

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body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the legislative body may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda under any of the conditions stated below. Prior to discussing any item pursuant to this subdivision, the legislative body shall publicly identify the item.

(1) Upon a determination by a majority vote of the legislative body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5.

(2) Upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a).

(3) The item was posted pursuant to subdivision (a) for a prior meeting of the legislative body occurring not more than five calendar days prior to the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior meeting the item was continued to the meeting at which action is being taken.

(c) This section is necessary to implement and reasonably within the scope of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution.

(d) For purposes of subdivision (a), the requirement that the agenda be posted on the local agency's internet website, if the local agency has one, shall only apply to a legislative body that meets either of the following standards:

(1) A legislative body as that term is defined by subdivision (a) of Section 54952.

(2) A legislative body as that term is defined by subdivision (b) of Section 54952, if the members of the legislative body are compensated for their appearance, and if one or more of the members of the legislative body are also members of a legislative body as that term is defined by subdivision (a) of Section 54952. *(Amended (as amended by Stats. 2023, Ch. 131, Sec. 92) by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 16. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)*

54954.3.

(a) (1) Every agenda for regular meetings shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body on any item of interest to the public, before or during the legislative body's consideration of the item, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body,

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provided that no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of Section 54954.2.

(2) (A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the agenda need not provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body on any item that has already been considered by a committee, composed exclusively of members of the legislative body, at a public meeting wherein all interested members of the public were afforded the opportunity to address the committee on the item, before or during the committee's consideration of the item.

(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply if any of the following conditions are met:

(i) The item has been substantially changed since the committee heard the item, as determined by the legislative body.

(ii) When considering the item, a quorum of the committee members did not participate from a singular physical location, that was clearly identified on the agenda, open to the public, and situated within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction.

(iii) The committee has primary subject matter jurisdiction, as defined by the charter, an ordinance, a resolution, or any formal action of the legislative body that created the subsidiary body, that focuses on elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, removing from, or restricting access to, materials available in public libraries, or taxes or related spending proposals. This clause shall not apply to an item if the local agency has adopted a law applicable to the meeting of the committee at which the item that was considered prohibits the committee from placing a limit on the total amount of time for public comment on the item.

(3) Every notice for a special meeting shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body concerning any item that has been described in the notice for the meeting before or during consideration of that item.

(b) (1) The legislative body of a local agency may adopt reasonable regulations to ensure that the intent of subdivision (a) is carried out, including, but not limited to, regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker.

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(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), when the legislative body of a local agency limits time for public comment, the legislative body of a local agency shall provide at least twice the allotted time to a member of the public who utilizes a translator to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the legislative body of a local agency.

(3) Paragraph (2) shall not apply if the legislative body of a local agency utilizes simultaneous translation equipment in a manner that allows the legislative body of a local agency to hear the translated public testimony simultaneously.

(c) The legislative body of a local agency shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or of the acts or omissions of the legislative body. Nothing in this subdivision shall confer any privilege or protection for expression beyond that otherwise provided by law.

(Amended by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 17. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)

54954.4.

(a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that Section 12 of Chapter 641 of the Statutes of 1986, authorizing reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for costs mandated by the state pursuant to that act, shall be interpreted strictly. The intent of the Legislature is to provide reimbursement for only those costs which are clearly and unequivocally incurred as the direct and necessary result of compliance with Chapter 641 of the Statutes of 1986.

(b) In this regard, the Legislature directs all state employees and officials involved in reviewing or authorizing claims for reimbursement, or otherwise participating in the reimbursement process, to rigorously review each claim and authorize only those claims, or parts thereof, which represent costs which are clearly and unequivocally incurred as the direct and necessary result of compliance with Chapter 641 of the Statutes of 1986 and for which complete documentation exists. For purposes of Section 54954.2, costs eligible for reimbursement shall only include the actual cost to post a single agenda for any one meeting.

(c) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that complete, faithful, and uninterrupted compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code) is a matter of overriding public importance. Unless specifically stated, no future Budget Act, or related budget enactments, shall, in any manner, be interpreted to suspend, eliminate, or otherwise modify the legal obligation and duty of local agencies to fully comply with Chapter 641 of the Statutes of 1986 in a complete, faithful, and uninterrupted manner. *(Added by Stats. 1991, Ch. 238, Sec. 1.)*

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54954.5.

For purposes of describing closed session items pursuant to Section 54954.2, the agenda may describe closed sessions as provided below. No legislative body or elected official shall be in violation of Section 54954.2 or 54956 if the closed session items were described in substantial compliance with this section. Substantial compliance is satisfied by including the information provided below, irrespective of its format.

(a) With respect to a closed session held pursuant to Section 54956.7:

LICENSE/PERMIT DETERMINATION

Applicant(s): (Specify number of applicants)

(b) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: (Specify street address, or if no street address, the parcel number or other unique reference, of the real property under negotiation)

Agency negotiator: (Specify names of negotiators attending the closed session) (If circumstances necessitate the absence of a specified negotiator, an agent or designee may participate in place of the absent negotiator so long as the name of the agent or designee is announced at an open session held prior to the closed session.)

Negotiating parties: (Specify name of party (not agent))

Under negotiation: (Specify whether instruction to negotiator will concern price, terms of payment, or both)

(c) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.9:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Name of case: (Specify by reference to claimant's name, names of parties, case or claim numbers)

or

Case name unspecified: (Specify whether disclosure would jeopardize service of process or existing settlement negotiations)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (Specify number of potential cases)

(In addition to the information noticed above, the agency may be required to provide additional information on the agenda or in an oral statement prior to the closed session pursuant to paragraphs (2) to (5), inclusive, of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9.)

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (Specify number of potential cases)

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(d) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.95:

LIABILITY CLAIMS

Claimant: (Specify name unless unspecified pursuant to Section 54961)

Agency claimed against: (Specify name)

(e) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957:

THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Consultation with: (Specify name of law enforcement agency and title of officer, or name of applicable agency representative and title)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Title: (Specify description of position to be filled)

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Title: (Specify description of position to be filled)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: (Specify position title of employee being reviewed)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

(No additional information is required in connection with a closed session to consider discipline, dismissal, or release of a public employee. Discipline includes potential reduction of compensation.)

(f) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957.6:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representatives: (Specify names of designated representatives attending the closed session) (If circumstances necessitate the absence of a specified designated representative, an agent or designee may participate in place of the absent representative so long as the name of the agent or designee is announced at an open session held prior to the closed session.)

Employee organization: (Specify name of organization representing employee or employees in question)

or

Unrepresented employee: (Specify position title of unrepresented employee who is the subject of the negotiations)

(g) With respect to closed sessions called pursuant to Section 54957.8:

CASE REVIEW/PLANNING

(No additional information is required in connection with a closed session to consider case review or planning.)

(h) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Sections 1461, 32106, and 32155 of the Health and Safety Code or Sections 37606 and 37624.3 of the Government Code:

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REPORT INVOLVING TRADE SECRET

Discussion will concern: (Specify whether discussion will concern proposed new service, program, or facility)

Estimated date of public disclosure: (Specify month and year)

HEARINGS

Subject matter: (Specify whether testimony/deliberation will concern staff privileges, report of medical audit committee, or report of quality assurance committee)

(i) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.86:

CHARGE OR COMPLAINT INVOLVING INFORMATION PROTECTED BY FEDERAL LAW

(No additional information is required in connection with a closed session to discuss a charge or complaint pursuant to Section 54956.86.)

(j) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.96:

CONFERENCE INVOLVING A JOINT POWERS AGENCY (Specify by name)

Discussion will concern: (Specify closed session description used by the joint powers agency)

Name of local agency representative on joint powers agency board: (Specify name)

(Additional information listing the names of agencies or titles of representatives attending the closed session as consultants or other representatives.)

(k) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.75:

AUDIT BY CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 759, Sec. 6.1. (AB 2690) Effective January 1, 2013.)

54954.6.

(a) (1) Before adopting any new or increased general tax or any new or increased assessment, the legislative body of a local agency shall conduct at least one public meeting at which local officials shall allow public testimony regarding the proposed new or increased general tax or new or increased assessment in addition to the noticed public hearing at which the legislative body proposes to enact or increase the general tax or assessment.

For purposes of this section, the term "new or increased assessment" does not include any of the following:

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(A) A fee that does not exceed the reasonable cost of providing the services, facilities, or regulatory activity for which the fee is charged.

(B) A service charge, rate, or charge, unless a special district's principal act requires the service charge, rate, or charge to conform to the requirements of this section.

(C) An ongoing annual assessment if it is imposed at the same or lower amount as any previous year.

(D) An assessment that does not exceed an assessment formula or range of assessments previously specified in the notice given to the public pursuant to subparagraph (G) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) and that was previously adopted by the agency or approved by the voters in the area where the assessment is imposed.

(E) Standby or immediate availability charges.

(2) The legislative body shall provide at least 45 days' public notice of the public hearing at which the legislative body proposes to enact or increase the general tax or assessment. The legislative body shall provide notice for the public meeting at the same time and in the same document as the notice for the public hearing, but the meeting shall occur prior to the hearing.

(b)(1) The joint notice of both the public meeting and the public hearing required by subdivision (a) with respect to a proposal for a new or increased general tax shall be accomplished by placing a display advertisement of at least one-eighth page in a newspaper of general circulation for three weeks pursuant to Section 6063 and by a first-class mailing to those interested parties who have filed a written request with the local agency for mailed notice of public meetings or hearings on new or increased general taxes. The public meeting pursuant to subdivision (a) shall take place no earlier than 10 days after the first publication of the joint notice pursuant to this subdivision. The public hearing shall take place no earlier than seven days after the public meeting pursuant to this subdivision. Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), the joint notice need not include notice of the public meeting after the meeting has taken place. The public hearing pursuant to subdivision (a) shall take place no earlier than 45 days after the first publication of the joint notice pursuant to this subdivision. Any written request for mailed notices shall be effective for one year from the date on which it is filed unless a renewal request is filed. Renewal requests for mailed notices shall be filed on or before April 1 of each year. The legislative body may establish a reasonable annual charge for sending notices based on the estimated cost of providing the service.

(2) The notice required by paragraph (1) of this subdivision shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

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(A) The amount or rate of the tax. If the tax is proposed to be increased from any previous year, the joint notice shall separately state both the existing tax rate and the proposed tax rate increase.

(B) The activity to be taxed.

(C) The estimated amount of revenue to be raised by the tax annually.

(D) The method and frequency for collecting the tax.

(E) The dates, times, and locations of the public meeting and hearing described in subdivision (a).

(F) The telephone number and address of an individual, office, or organization that interested persons may contact to receive additional information about the tax.

(c) (1) The joint notice of both the public meeting and the public hearing required by subdivision (a) with respect to a proposal for a new or increased assessment on real property or businesses shall be accomplished through a mailing, postage prepaid, in the United States mail and shall be deemed given when so deposited. The public meeting pursuant to subdivision (a) shall take place no earlier than 10 days after the joint mailing pursuant to this subdivision. The public hearing shall take place no earlier than seven days after the public meeting pursuant to this subdivision. The envelope or the cover of the mailing shall include the name of the local agency and the return address of the sender. This mailed notice shall be in at least 10-point type and shall be given to all property owners or business owners proposed to be subject to the new or increased assessment by a mailing by name to those persons whose names and addresses appear on the last equalized county assessment roll, the State Board of Equalization assessment roll, or the local agency's records pertaining to business ownership, as the case may be.

(2) The joint notice required by paragraph (1) of this subdivision shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) In the case of an assessment proposed to be levied on property, the estimated amount of the assessment per parcel. In the case of an assessment proposed to be levied on businesses, the proposed method and basis of levying the assessment in sufficient detail to allow each business owner to calculate the amount of assessment to be levied against each business. If the assessment is proposed to be increased from any previous year, the joint notice shall separately state both the amount of the existing assessment and the proposed assessment increase.

(B) A general description of the purpose or improvements that the assessment will fund.

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(C) The address to which property owners may mail a protest against the assessment.

(D) The telephone number and address of an individual, office, or organization that interested persons may contact to receive additional information about the assessment.

(E) A statement that a majority protest will cause the assessment to be abandoned if the assessment act used to levy the assessment so provides. Notice shall also state the percentage of protests required to trigger an election, if applicable.

(F) The dates, times, and locations of the public meeting and hearing described in subdivision (a).

(G) A proposed assessment formula or range as described in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) if applicable and that is noticed pursuant to this section.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), in the case of an assessment that is proposed exclusively for operation and maintenance expenses imposed throughout the entire local agency, or exclusively for operation and maintenance assessments proposed to be levied on 50,000 parcels or more, notice may be provided pursuant to this subdivision or pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) and shall include the estimated amount of the assessment of various types, amounts, or uses of property and the information required by subparagraphs (B) to (G), inclusive, of paragraph (2) of subdivision (c).

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), in the case of an assessment proposed to be levied pursuant to Part 2 (commencing with Section 22500) of Division 2 of the Streets and Highways Code by a regional park district, regional park and open-space district, or regional open-space district formed pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 5500) of Chapter 3 of Division 5 of, or pursuant to Division 26 (commencing with Section 35100) of, the Public Resources Code, notice may be provided pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

(d) The notice requirements imposed by this section shall be construed as additional to, and not to supersede, existing provisions of law, and shall be applied concurrently with the existing provisions so as to not delay or prolong the governmental decisionmaking process.

(e) This section shall not apply to any new or increased general tax or any new or increased assessment that requires an election of either of the following:

(1) The property owners subject to the assessment.

(2) The voters within the local agency imposing the tax or assessment.

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(f) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from holding a consolidated meeting or hearing at which the legislative body discusses multiple tax or assessment proposals.

(g) The local agency may recover the reasonable costs of public meetings, public hearings, and notice required by this section from the proceeds of the tax or assessment. The costs recovered for these purposes, whether recovered pursuant to this subdivision or any other provision of law, shall not exceed the reasonable costs of the public meetings, public hearings, and notice.

(h) Any new or increased assessment that is subject to the notice and hearing provisions of Article XIII C or XIII D of the California Constitution is not subject to the notice and hearing requirements of this section.

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 382, Sec. 3.5. (SB 194) Effective January 1, 2012.)

54955.

The legislative body of a local agency may adjourn any regular, adjourned regular, special or adjourned special meeting to a time and place specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a quorum may so adjourn from time to time. If all members are absent from any regular or adjourned regular meeting the clerk or secretary of the legislative body may declare the meeting adjourned to a stated time and place and he shall cause a written notice of the adjournment to be given in the same manner as provided in Section 54956 for special meetings, unless such notice is waived as provided for special meetings. A copy of the order or notice of adjournment shall be conspicuously posted on or near the door of the place where the regular, adjourned regular, special or adjourned special meeting was held within 24 hours after the time of the adjournment. When a regular or adjourned regular meeting is adjourned as provided in this section, the resulting adjourned regular meeting is a regular meeting for all purposes. When an order of adjournment of any meeting fails to state the hour at which the adjourned meeting is to be held, it shall be held at the hour specified for regular meetings by ordinance, resolution, bylaw, or other rule.

(Amended by Stats. 1959, Ch. 647.)

54955.1.

Any hearing being held, or noticed or ordered to be held, by a legislative body of a local agency at any meeting may by order or notice of continuance be continued or reconvened to any subsequent meeting of the legislative body in the same manner and to the same extent set forth in Section 54955 for the adjournment of meetings; provided, that if the hearing is continued to a time less than 24 hours after the time specified in the order or notice of hearing, a copy of the order or notice of continuance of hearing shall be posted immediately following the meeting at which the order or declaration of continuance was adopted or made.

(Added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 469.)

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54956.

- (a) (1) A special meeting may be called at any time by the presiding officer of the legislative body of a local agency, or by a majority of the members of the legislative body, by delivering written notice to each member of the legislative body and to each local newspaper of general circulation and radio or television station requesting notice in writing and posting a notice on the local agency's internet website, if the local agency has one. The notice shall be delivered personally or by any other means and shall be received at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting as specified in the notice. The call and notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted or discussed. No other business shall be considered at these meetings by the legislative body. The written notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at or prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the clerk or secretary of the legislative body a written waiver of notice. The waiver may be given by telephone or electronic mail. The written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member who is actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes.
- (2) The call and notice shall be posted at least 24 hours prior to the special meeting in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a legislative body shall not call a special meeting regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits, of the legislative body or of a local agency executive, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1. However, this subdivision does not apply to a local agency calling a special meeting to discuss the local agency's budget.

(Amended by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 18. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)

54956.5.

- (a) For purposes of this section, "emergency situation" means both of the following:
- (1) An emergency, which shall be defined as a work stoppage, crippling activity, or other activity that severely impairs public health, safety, or both, as determined by a majority of the members of the legislative body.
- (2) A dire emergency, which shall be defined as a crippling disaster, mass destruction, terrorist act, or threatened terrorist activity that poses peril so immediate and significant that requiring a legislative body to provide one-hour notice before holding an emergency meeting under this section may endanger the public health, safety, or both, as determined by a majority of the members of the legislative body.
- (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2), in the case of an emergency situation involving matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or

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threatened disruption of public facilities, a legislative body may hold an emergency meeting without complying with either the 24-hour notice requirement or the 24-hour posting requirement of Section 54956 or both of the notice and posting requirements.

(2) Each local newspaper of general circulation and radio or television station that has requested notice of special meetings pursuant to Section 54956 shall be notified by the presiding officer of the legislative body, or designee thereof, one hour prior to the emergency meeting, or, in the case of a dire emergency, at or near the time that the presiding officer or designee notifies the members of the legislative body of the emergency meeting.

(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the notice required by this paragraph shall be given by telephone and all telephone numbers provided in the most recent request of a newspaper or station for notification of special meetings shall be exhausted. In the event that telephone services are not functioning, the notice requirements of this paragraph shall be deemed waived, and the legislative body, or designee of the legislative body, shall notify those newspapers, radio stations, or television stations of the fact of the holding of the emergency meeting, the purpose of the meeting, and any action taken at the meeting as soon after the meeting as possible.

(B) For an emergency meeting held pursuant to this section, the presiding officer of the legislative body, or designee thereof, may send the notifications required by this paragraph by email instead of by telephone, as provided in subparagraph (A), to all local newspapers of general circulation, and radio or television stations, that have requested those notifications by email, and all email addresses provided by representatives of those newspapers or stations shall be exhausted. In the event that internet services and telephone services are not functioning, the notice requirements of this paragraph shall be deemed waived, and the legislative body, or designee of the legislative body, shall notify those newspapers, radio stations, or television stations of the fact of the holding of the emergency meeting, the purpose of the meeting, and any action taken at the meeting as soon after the meeting as possible.

(c) During a meeting held pursuant to this section, the legislative body may meet in closed session pursuant to Section 54957 if agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, by a unanimous vote of the members present.

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- (d) All special meeting requirements, as prescribed in Section 54956 shall be applicable to a meeting called pursuant to this section, with the exception of the 24-hour notice requirement.
- (e) The minutes of a meeting called pursuant to this section, a list of persons who the presiding officer of the legislative body, or designee of the legislative body, notified or attempted to notify, a copy of the rollcall vote, and any actions taken at the meeting shall be posted for a minimum of 10 days in a public place as soon after the meeting as possible. *(Amended by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 19. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)*

54956.6.

No fees may be charged by the legislative body of a local agency for carrying out any provision of this chapter, except as specifically authorized by this chapter. *(Added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1284.)*

54956.7.

Whenever a legislative body of a local agency determines that it is necessary to discuss and determine whether an applicant for a license or license renewal, who has a criminal record, is sufficiently rehabilitated to obtain the license, the legislative body may hold a closed session with the applicant and the applicant's attorney, if any, for the purpose of holding the discussion and making the determination. If the legislative body determines, as a result of the closed session, that the issuance or renewal of the license should be denied, the applicant shall be offered the opportunity to withdraw the application. If the applicant withdraws the application, no record shall be kept of the discussions or decisions made at the closed session and all matters relating to the closed session shall be confidential. If the applicant does not withdraw the application, the legislative body shall take action at the public meeting during which the closed session is held or at its next public meeting denying the application for the license but all matters relating to the closed session are confidential and shall not be disclosed without the consent of the applicant, except in an action by an applicant who has been denied a license challenging the denial of the license.

(Added by Stats. 1982, Ch. 298, Sec. 1.)

54956.75.

- (a) Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the legislative body of a local agency that has received a confidential final draft audit report from the Bureau of State Audits from holding closed sessions to discuss its response to that report.
- (b) After the public release of an audit report by the Bureau of State Audits, if a legislative body of a local agency meets to discuss the audit report, it shall do

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so in an open session unless exempted from that requirement by some other provision of law.

(Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 576, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 2005.)

54956.8.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a legislative body of a local agency may hold a closed session with its negotiator prior to the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property by or for the local agency to grant authority to its negotiator regarding the price and terms of payment for the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease.

However, prior to the closed session, the legislative body of the local agency shall hold an open and public session in which it identifies its negotiators, the real property or real properties which the negotiations may concern, and the person or persons with whom its negotiators may negotiate.

For purposes of this section, negotiators may be members of the legislative body of the local agency.

For purposes of this section, "lease" includes renewal or renegotiation of a lease. Nothing in this section shall preclude a local agency from holding a closed session for discussions regarding eminent domain proceedings pursuant to Section 54956.9. *(Amended by Stats. 1998, Ch. 260, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 1999.)*

54956.81.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a legislative body of a local agency that invests pension funds may hold a closed session to consider the purchase or sale of particular, specific pension fund investments. All investment transaction decisions made during the closed session shall be made by rollcall vote entered into the minutes of the closed session as provided in subdivision (a) of Section 54957.2. *(Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 533, Sec. 20. Effective January 1, 2005.)*

54956.86.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a legislative body of a local agency which provides services pursuant to Section 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code may hold a closed session to hear a charge or complaint from a member enrolled in its health plan if the member does not wish to have his or her name, medical status, or other information that is protected by federal law publicly disclosed. Prior to holding a closed session pursuant to this section, the legislative body shall inform the member, in writing, of his or her right to have the charge or complaint heard in an open session rather than a closed session. *(Added by Stats. 1996, Ch. 182, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 1997.)*

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54956.87.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the records of a health plan that is licensed pursuant to the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975 (Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code) and that is governed by a county board of supervisors, whether paper records, records maintained in the management information system, or records in any other form, that relate to provider rate or payment determinations, allocation or distribution methodologies for provider payments, formulas or calculations for these payments, and contract negotiations with providers of health care for alternative rates are exempt from disclosure for a period of three years after the contract is fully executed. The transmission of the records, or the information contained therein in an alternative form, to the board of supervisors shall not constitute a waiver of exemption from disclosure, and the records and information once transmitted to the board of supervisors shall be subject to this same exemption.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governing board of a health plan that is licensed pursuant to the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975 (Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code) and that is governed by a county board of supervisors may order that a meeting held solely for the purpose of discussion or taking action on health plan trade secrets, as defined in subdivision (f), shall be held in closed session. The requirements of making a public report of action taken in closed session, and the vote or abstention of every member present, may be limited to a brief general description without the information constituting the trade secret.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governing board of a health plan may meet in closed session to consider and take action on matters pertaining to contracts and contract negotiations by the health plan with providers of health care services concerning all matters related to rates of payment. The governing board may delete the portion or portions containing trade secrets from any documents that were finally approved in the closed session held pursuant to subdivision (b) that are provided to persons who have made the timely or standing request.
- (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the governing board from meeting in closed session as otherwise provided by law.
- (e) The provisions of this section shall not prevent access to any records by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee in the exercise of its powers pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 10500) of Chapter 4 of Part 2 of Division 2 of Title 2. The provisions of this section also shall not prevent access to any records by the Department of Managed Health Care in the exercise of its

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powers pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 1340) of Chapter 2.2 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code.

- (f) For purposes of this section, "health plan trade secret" means a trade secret, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3426.1 of the Civil Code, that also meets both of the following criteria:
- (1) The secrecy of the information is necessary for the health plan to initiate a new service, program, marketing strategy, business plan, or technology, or to add a benefit or product.
 - (2) Premature disclosure of the trade secret would create a substantial probability of depriving the health plan of a substantial economic benefit or opportunity.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 190, Sec. 65. (AB 1517) Effective January 1, 2016.)

54956.9.

- (a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a legislative body of a local agency, based on advice of its legal counsel, from holding a closed session to confer with, or receive advice from, its legal counsel regarding pending litigation when discussion in open session concerning those matters would prejudice the position of the local agency in the litigation.
- (b) For purposes of this chapter, all expressions of the lawyer-client privilege other than those provided in this section are hereby abrogated. This section is the exclusive expression of the lawyer-client privilege for purposes of conducting closed-session meetings pursuant to this chapter.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "litigation" includes any adjudicatory proceeding, including eminent domain, before a court, administrative body exercising its adjudicatory authority, hearing officer, or arbitrator.
- (d) For purposes of this section, litigation shall be considered pending when any of the following circumstances exist:
- (1) Litigation, to which the local agency is a party, has been initiated formally.
 - (2) A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency.

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(3) Based on existing facts and circumstances, the legislative body of the local agency is meeting only to decide whether a closed session is authorized pursuant to paragraph (2).

(4) Based on existing facts and circumstances, the legislative body of the local agency has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation.

(e) For purposes of paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision (d), "existing facts and circumstances" shall consist only of one of the following:

(1) Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the local agency but which the local agency believes are not yet known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs, which facts and circumstances need not be disclosed.

(2) Facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, an accident, disaster, incident, or transactional occurrence that might result in litigation against the agency and that are known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs, which facts or circumstances shall be publicly stated on the agenda or announced.

(3) The receipt of a claim pursuant to the Government Claims Act (Division 3.6 (commencing with Section 810) of Title 1 of the Government Code) or some other written communication from a potential plaintiff threatening litigation, which claim or communication shall be available for public inspection pursuant to Section 54957.5.

(4) A statement made by a person in an open and public meeting threatening litigation on a specific matter within the responsibility of the legislative body.

(5) A statement threatening litigation made by a person outside an open and public meeting on a specific matter within the responsibility of the legislative body so long as the official or employee of the local agency receiving knowledge of the threat makes a contemporaneous or other record of the statement prior to the meeting, which record shall be available for public inspection pursuant to Section 54957.5. The records so created need not identify the alleged victim of unlawful or tortious sexual conduct or anyone making the threat on their behalf, or identify a public employee who is the alleged perpetrator of any unlawful or tortious conduct upon which a threat of litigation is based, unless the identity of the person has been publicly disclosed.

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- (f) Nothing in this section shall require disclosure of written communications that are privileged and not subject to disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1).
- (g) Prior to holding a closed session pursuant to this section, the legislative body of the local agency shall state on the agenda or publicly announce the paragraph of subdivision (d) that authorizes the closed session. If the session is closed pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d), the body shall state the title of or otherwise specifically identify the litigation to be discussed, unless the body states that to do so would jeopardize the agency's ability to effectuate service of process upon one or more unserved parties, or that to do so would jeopardize its ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage.
- (h) A local agency shall be considered to be a "party" or to have a "significant exposure to litigation" if an officer or employee of the local agency is a party or has significant exposure to litigation concerning prior or prospective activities or alleged activities during the course and scope of that office or employment, including litigation in which it is an issue whether an activity is outside the course and scope of the office or employment.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 615, Sec. 206. (AB 474) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Sec. 463 of Stats. 2021, Ch. 615.)

54956.95.

- (a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a joint powers agency formed pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1, for purposes of insurance pooling, or a local agency member of the joint powers agency, from holding a closed session to discuss a claim for the payment of tort liability losses, public liability losses, or workers' compensation liability incurred by the joint powers agency or a local agency member of the joint powers agency.
- (b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the Local Agency Self-Insurance Authority formed pursuant to Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 6599.01) of Division 7 of Title 1, or a local agency member of the authority, from holding a closed session to discuss a claim for the payment of tort liability losses, public liability losses, or workers' compensation liability incurred by the authority or a local agency member of the authority.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect Section 54956.9 with respect to any other local agency.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 882, Sec. 3.)

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- (a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the legislative body of a joint powers agency formed pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1, from adopting a policy or a bylaw or including in its joint powers agreement provisions that authorize either or both of the following:

(1) All information received by the legislative body of the local agency member in a closed session related to the information presented to the joint powers agency in closed session shall be confidential. However, a member of the legislative body of a local agency member may disclose information obtained in a closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for that local agency to the following individuals:

(A) Legal counsel of that local agency member for purposes of obtaining advice on whether the matter has direct financial or liability implications for that local agency member.

(B) Other members of the legislative body of the local agency present in a closed session of that local agency member.

(2) Any designated alternate member of the legislative body of the joint powers agency who is also a member of the legislative body of a local agency member and who is attending a properly noticed meeting of the joint powers agency in lieu of a local agency member's regularly appointed member to attend closed sessions of the joint powers agency.

- (b) (1) In addition to the authority described in subdivision (a), the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California, or its successor entity, may adopt a policy or a bylaw or include in its joint powers agreement a provision that authorizes both of the following:

(A) A designated alternate member of the legislative body of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California, or its successor entity, who is not a member of the legislative body of a local agency member and who is attending a properly noticed meeting of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California, or its successor entity, in lieu of a local agency member's regularly appointed member, to attend closed sessions of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California, or its successor entity.

(B) All information that is received by a designated alternate member of the legislative body of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California, or its successor entity, who is not a member of the legislative body of a local agency member, and that is presented to the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California, or its successor entity, in

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closed session, shall be confidential. However, the designated alternate member may disclose information obtained in a closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for the local agency member for which the designated alternate member attended the closed session, to the following individuals:

(i) Legal counsel of that local agency member for purposes of obtaining advice on whether the matter has direct financial or liability implications for that local agency member.

(ii) Members of the legislative body of the local agency present in a closed session of that local agency member.

(2) If the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California, or its successor entity, adopts a policy or bylaw or includes in its joint powers agreement a provision authorized pursuant to paragraph (1), the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California, or its successor entity, shall establish policies to prevent conflicts of interest and to address breaches of confidentiality that apply to a designated alternate member who is not a member of the legislative body of a local agency member who attends a closed session of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California, or its successor entity.

(c) If the legislative body of a joint powers agency adopts a policy or a bylaw or includes provisions in its joint powers agreement pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b), then the legislative body of the local agency member, upon the advice of its legal counsel, may conduct a closed session in order to receive, discuss, and take action concerning information obtained in a closed session of the joint powers agency pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) or paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

(Amended (as amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 248, Sec. 1) by Stats. 2024, Ch. 24, Sec. 1. (AB 1852) Effective January 1, 2025. Repealed as of January 1, 2030, by its own provisions. See later operative version, as amended by Sec. 2 of Stats. 2024, Ch. 24.)

54956.96.

(a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the legislative body of a joint powers agency formed pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1, from adopting a policy or a bylaw or including in its joint powers agreement provisions that authorize either or both of the following:

(1) All information received by the legislative body of the local agency member in a closed session related to the information presented to the

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joint powers agency in closed session shall be confidential. However, a member of the legislative body of a local agency member may disclose information obtained in a closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for that local agency to the following individuals:

(A) Legal counsel of that local agency member for purposes of obtaining advice on whether the matter has direct financial or liability implications for that local agency member.

(B) Other members of the legislative body of the local agency present in a closed session of that local agency member.

(2) A designated alternate member of the legislative body of the joint powers agency who is also a member of the legislative body of a local agency member and who is attending a properly noticed meeting of the joint powers agency in lieu of a local agency member's regularly appointed member to attend closed sessions of the joint powers agency.

(b) If the legislative body of a joint powers agency adopts a policy or a bylaw or includes provisions in its joint powers agreement pursuant to subdivision (a), then the legislative body of the local agency member, upon the advice of its legal counsel, may conduct a closed session in order to receive, discuss, and take action concerning information obtained in a closed session of the joint powers agency pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a).

(c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2030.

(Amended (as added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 248, Sec. 2) by Stats. 2024, Ch. 24, Sec. 2. (AB 1852) Effective January 1, 2025. Section operative January 1, 2030, by its own provisions.)

54956.97.

Notwithstanding any provision of law, the governing board, or a committee of the governing board, of a public bank, as defined in Section 57600 of the Government Code, may meet in closed session to consider and take action on matters pertaining to all of the following:

(a) A loan or investment decision.

(b) A decision of the internal audit committee, the compliance committee, or the governance committee.

(c) A meeting with a state or federal regulator.

(Added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 442, Sec. 14. (AB 857) Effective January 1, 2020.)

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54956.98.

(a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Shareholder, member, or owner local agency" or "shareholder, member, or owner" means a local agency that is a shareholder of a public bank.

(2) "Public bank" has the same meaning as defined in Section 57600.

(b) The governing board of a public bank may adopt a policy or a bylaw or include in its governing documents provisions that authorize any of the following:

(1) All information received by a shareholder, member, or owner of the public bank in a closed session related to the information presented to the governing board of a public bank in closed session shall be confidential. However, a member of the governing board of a shareholder, member, or owner local agency may disclose information obtained in a closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for that local agency to the following individuals:

(A) Legal counsel of that shareholder, member, or owner local agency for purposes of obtaining advice on whether the matter has direct financial or liability implications for that shareholder local agency.

(B) Other members of the governing board of the local agency present in a closed session of that shareholder, member, or owner local agency.

(2) A designated alternate member of the governing board of the public bank who is also a member of the governing board of a shareholder, member, or owner local agency and who is attending a properly noticed meeting of the public bank governing board in lieu of a shareholder, member, or owner local agency's regularly appointed member may attend a closed session of the public bank governing board.

(c) If the governing board of a public bank adopts a policy or a bylaw or includes provisions in its governing documents pursuant to subdivision (b), then the governing board of the shareholder, member, or owner local agency, upon the advice of its legal counsel, may conduct a closed session in order to receive, discuss, and take action concerning information obtained in a closed session of the public bank governing board pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

(Added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 442, Sec. 15. (AB 857) Effective January 1, 2020.)

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54957.

(a) (1) This chapter does not prevent the legislative body of a local agency from holding closed sessions with the Governor, Attorney General, district attorney, agency counsel, sheriff, or chief of police, or other law enforcement or security personnel, or a security consultant or a security operations manager, on matters posing a threat to the security of public buildings, a threat to the security of essential public services, including water, drinking water, wastewater treatment, natural gas service, and electric service, a threat to the public's right of access to public services or public facilities, or a threat to critical infrastructure controls or critical infrastructure information relating to cybersecurity.

(2) For purposes of this subdivision, the following definitions apply:

(A) "Critical infrastructure controls" means networks and systems controlling assets so vital to the local agency that the incapacity or destruction of those networks, systems, or assets would have a debilitating impact on public health, safety, economic security, or any combination thereof.

(B) "Critical infrastructure information" means information not customarily in the public domain pertaining to any of the following:

(i) Actual, potential, or threatened interference with, or an attack on, compromise of, or incapacitation of critical infrastructure controls by either physical or computer-based attack or other similar conduct, including, but not limited to, the misuse of, or unauthorized access to, all types of communications and data transmission systems, that violates federal, state, or local law or harms public health, safety, or economic security, or any combination thereof.

(ii) The ability of critical infrastructure controls to resist any interference, compromise, or incapacitation, including, but not limited to, any planned or past assessment or estimate of the vulnerability of critical infrastructure.

(iii) Any planned or past operational problem or solution regarding critical infrastructure controls, including, but not limited to, repair, recovery, reconstruction, insurance, or continuity, to the extent it is related to interference, compromise, or incapacitation of critical infrastructure controls.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2), this chapter does not prevent the legislative body of a local agency from holding closed sessions during a regular or special meeting to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of

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performance, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against the employee by another person or employee unless the employee requests a public session.

(2) As a condition to holding a closed session on specific complaints or charges brought against an employee by another person or employee, the employee shall be given written notice of their right to have the complaints or charges heard in an open session rather than a closed session, which notice shall be delivered to the employee personally or by mail at least 24 hours before the time for holding the session. If notice is not given, any disciplinary or other action taken by the legislative body against the employee based on the specific complaints or charges in the closed session shall be null and void.

(3) The legislative body also may exclude from the public or closed meeting, during the examination of a witness, any or all other witnesses in the matter being investigated by the legislative body.

(4) For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "employee" shall include an officer or an independent contractor who functions as an officer or an employee but shall not include any elected official, member of a legislative body or other independent contractors. This subdivision shall not limit local officials' ability to hold closed session meetings pursuant to Sections 1461, 32106, and 32155 of the Health and Safety Code or Sections 37606 and 37624.3 of the Government Code. Closed sessions held pursuant to this subdivision shall not include discussion or action on proposed compensation except for a reduction of compensation that results from the imposition of discipline.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 243, Sec. 1. (AB 2715) Effective January 1, 2025.)

54957.1.

(a) The legislative body of any local agency shall publicly report any action taken in closed session and the vote or abstention on that action of every member present, as follows:

(1) Approval of an agreement concluding real estate negotiations pursuant to Section 54956.8 shall be reported after the agreement is final, as follows:

(A) If its own approval renders the agreement final, the body shall report that approval and the substance of the agreement in open session at the public meeting during which the closed session is held.

(B) If final approval rests with the other party to the negotiations, the local agency shall disclose the fact of that approval and the substance of

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the agreement upon inquiry by any person, as soon as the other party or its agent has informed the local agency of its approval.

(2) Approval given to its legal counsel to defend, or seek or refrain from seeking appellate review or relief, or to enter as an amicus curiae in any form of litigation as the result of a consultation under Section 54956.9 shall be reported in open session at the public meeting during which the closed session is held. The report shall identify, if known, the adverse party or parties and the substance of the litigation. In the case of approval given to initiate or intervene in an action, the announcement need not identify the action, the defendants, or other particulars, but shall specify that the direction to initiate or intervene in an action has been given and that the action, the defendants, and the other particulars shall, once formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon inquiry, unless to do so would jeopardize the agency's ability to effectuate service of process on one or more unserved parties, or that to do so would jeopardize its ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage.

(3) Approval given to its legal counsel of a settlement of pending litigation, as defined in Section 54956.9, at any stage prior to or during a judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding shall be reported after the settlement is final, as follows:

(A) If the legislative body accepts a settlement offer signed by the opposing party, the body shall report its acceptance and identify the substance of the agreement in open session at the public meeting during which the closed session is held.

(B) If final approval rests with some other party to the litigation or with the court, then as soon as the settlement becomes final, and upon inquiry by any person, the local agency shall disclose the fact of that approval, and identify the substance of the agreement.

(4) Disposition reached as to claims discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.95 shall be reported as soon as reached in a manner that identifies the name of the claimant, the name of the local agency claimed against, the substance of the claim, and any monetary amount approved for payment and agreed upon by the claimant.

(5) Action taken to appoint, employ, dismiss, accept the resignation of, or otherwise affect the employment status of a public employee in closed session pursuant to Section 54957 shall be reported at the public meeting during which the closed session is held. Any report required by this paragraph shall identify the title of the position. The general requirement of this paragraph notwithstanding, the report of a dismissal or of the nonrenewal of an employment contract shall be deferred until the first public meeting following the exhaustion of administrative remedies, if any.

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(6) Approval of an agreement concluding labor negotiations with represented employees pursuant to Section 54957.6 shall be reported after the agreement is final and has been accepted or ratified by the other party. The report shall identify the item approved and the other party or parties to the negotiation.

(7) Pension fund investment transaction decisions made pursuant to Section 54956.81 shall be disclosed at the first open meeting of the legislative body held after the earlier of the close of the investment transaction or the transfer of pension fund assets for the investment transaction.

- (b) Reports that are required to be made pursuant to this section may be made orally or in writing. The legislative body shall provide to any person who has submitted a written request to the legislative body within 24 hours of the posting of the agenda, or to any person who has made a standing request for all documentation as part of a request for notice of meetings pursuant to Section 54954.1 or 54956, if the requester is present at the time the closed session ends, copies of any contracts, settlement agreements, or other documents that were finally approved or adopted in the closed session. If the action taken results in one or more substantive amendments to the related documents requiring retyping, the documents need not be released until the retyping is completed during normal business hours, provided that the presiding officer of the legislative body or his or her designee orally summarizes the substance of the amendments for the benefit of the document requester or any other person present and requesting the information.
- (c) The documentation referred to in subdivision (b) shall be available to any person on the next business day following the meeting in which the action referred to is taken or, in the case of substantial amendments, when any necessary retyping is complete.
- (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that the legislative body approve actions not otherwise subject to legislative body approval.
- (e) No action for injury to a reputational, liberty, or other personal interest may be commenced by or on behalf of any employee or former employee with respect to whom a disclosure is made by a legislative body in an effort to comply with this section.
- (f) This section is necessary to implement, and reasonably within the scope of, paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution.

(Amended by Stats. 2006, Ch. 538, Sec. 311. Effective January 1, 2007.)

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54957.2.

- (a) The legislative body of a local agency may, by ordinance or resolution, designate a clerk or other officer or employee of the local agency who shall then attend each closed session of the legislative body and keep and enter in a minute book a record of topics discussed and decisions made at the meeting. The minute book made pursuant to this section is not a public record subject to inspection pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1), and shall be kept confidential. The minute book shall be available only to members of the legislative body or, if a violation of this chapter is alleged to have occurred at a closed session, to a court of general jurisdiction wherein the local agency lies. The minute book may, but need not, consist of a recording of the closed session.
- (b) An elected legislative body of a local agency may require that each legislative body all or a majority of whose members are appointed by or under the authority of the elected legislative body keep a minute book as prescribed under subdivision (a). *(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 615, Sec. 207. (AB 474) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Sec. 463 of Stats. 2021, Ch. 615.)*

54957.5.

- (a) Agendas of public meetings are disclosable public records under the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1), and shall be made available upon request without delay and in compliance with Section 54954.2 or Section 54956, as applicable. However, this section shall not apply to a writing, or portion thereof, that is exempt from public disclosure.
- (b)
 - (1) If a writing is a public record related to an agenda item for an open session of a regular meeting of the legislative body of a local agency and is distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the members of a legislative body of a local agency by a person in connection with a matter subject to discussion or consideration at an open meeting of the body less than 72 hours before that meeting, the writing shall be made available for public inspection pursuant to paragraph (2) at the time the writing is distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the members of the body.
 - (2)
 - (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), a local agency shall comply with both of the following requirements:
 - (i) A local agency shall make any writing described in paragraph (1) available for public inspection at a public office or location that the agency shall designate for this purpose.

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(ii) A local agency shall list the address of the office or location designated pursuant to clause (i) on the agendas for all meetings of the legislative body of that agency.

(B) A local agency shall not be required to comply with the requirements of subparagraph (A) if all of the following requirements are met:

(i) An initial staff report or similar document containing an executive summary and the staff recommendation, if any, relating to that agenda item is made available for public inspection at the office or location designated pursuant to clause (i) of subparagraph (A) at least 72 hours before the meeting.

(ii) The local agency immediately posts any writing described in paragraph (1) on the local agency's internet website in a position and manner that makes it clear that the writing relates to an agenda item for an upcoming meeting.

(iii) The local agency lists the web address of the local agency's internet website on the agendas for all meetings of the legislative body of that agency.

(iv) (I) Subject to subclause (II), the local agency makes physical copies available for public inspection, beginning the next regular business hours for the local agency, at the office or location designated pursuant to clause (i) of subparagraph (A).

(II) This clause is satisfied only if the next regular business hours of the local agency commence at least 24 hours before that meeting.

- (c) Writings that are public records described in subdivision (b) and distributed during a public meeting shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting if prepared by the local agency or a member of its legislative body, or after the meeting if prepared by some other person. These writings shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats upon request by a person with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof.
- (d) This chapter shall not be construed to prevent the legislative body of a local agency from charging a fee or deposit for a copy of a public record pursuant to Section 7922.530, except that a surcharge shall not be imposed on persons with disabilities in violation of Section 202 of the Americans with

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Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof.

- (e) This section shall not be construed to limit or delay the public's right to inspect or obtain a copy of any record required to be disclosed under the requirements of the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1), including, but not limited to, the ability of the public to inspect public records pursuant to Section 7922.525 and obtain copies of public records pursuant to either subdivision (b) of Section 7922.530 or Section 7922.535. This chapter shall not be construed to require a legislative body of a local agency to place any paid advertisement or any other paid notice in any publication.

(Amended (as amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 615, Sec. 208) by Stats. 2022, Ch. 971, Sec. 1. (AB 2647) Effective January 1, 2023.)

54957.6.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a legislative body of a local agency may hold closed sessions with the local agency's designated representatives regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of its represented and unrepresented employees, and, for represented employees, any other matter within the statutorily provided scope of representation, subject to all of the following conditions:
 - (1) Prior to the closed session, the legislative body of the local agency shall hold an open and public session in which it identifies its designated representatives.
 - (2) The closed session shall be for the purpose of reviewing its position and instructing the local agency's designated representatives.
 - (3) The closed session may take place prior to and during consultations and discussions with representatives of employee organizations and unrepresented employees.
 - (4) Any closed session with the local agency's designated representative regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits may include discussion of an agency's available funds and funding priorities, but only insofar as these discussions relate to providing instructions to the local agency's designated representative.
 - (5) The closed session shall not include final action on the proposed compensation of one or more unrepresented employees.

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(6) For the purposes enumerated in this section, a legislative body of a local agency may also meet with a state conciliator who has intervened in the proceedings.

- (b) For the purposes of this section, the term “employee” shall include an officer or an independent contractor who functions as an officer or an employee, but shall not include any elected official, member of a legislative body, or other independent contractors.

(Amended by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 20. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)

54957.7

- (a) Prior to holding any closed session, the legislative body of the local agency shall disclose, in an open meeting, the item or items to be discussed in the closed session. The disclosure may take the form of a reference to the item or items as they are listed by number or letter on the agenda. In the closed session, the legislative body may consider only those matters covered in its statement. Nothing in this section shall require or authorize a disclosure of information prohibited by state or federal law.
- (b) After any closed session, the legislative body shall reconvene into open session prior to adjournment and shall make any disclosures required by Section 54957.1 of action taken in the closed session.
- (c) The announcements required to be made in open session pursuant to this section may be made at the location announced in the agenda for the closed session, as long as the public is allowed to be present at that location for the purpose of hearing the announcements.

(Amended by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1137, Sec. 15. Effective January 1, 1994. Operative April 1, 1994, by Sec. 23 of Ch. 1137.)

54957.8.

- (a) For purposes of this section, “multijurisdictional law enforcement agency” means a joint powers entity formed pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 that provides law enforcement services for the parties to the joint powers agreement for the purpose of investigating criminal activity involving drugs; gangs; sex crimes; firearms trafficking or felony possession of a firearm; high technology, computer, or identity theft; human trafficking; or vehicle theft.
- (b) Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the legislative body of a multijurisdictional law enforcement agency, or an advisory body of a multijurisdictional law enforcement agency, from holding closed sessions to discuss the case records of any ongoing criminal investigation of the multijurisdictional law enforcement agency or of any party to the joint

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powers agreement, to hear testimony from persons involved in the investigation, and to discuss courses of action in particular cases.

(Amended by Stats. 2006, Ch. 427, Sec. 1. Effective September 22, 2006.)

54957.9.

In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the members of the legislative body conducting the meeting may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session. Only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the legislative body from establishing a procedure for readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for willfully disturbing the orderly conduct of the meeting.

(Amended by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 21. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)

54957.95.

(a) (1) In addition to authority exercised pursuant to Sections 54954.3 and 54957.9, the presiding member of the legislative body conducting a meeting or their designee may remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting, including any teleconferenced meeting.

(2) Prior to removing an individual, the presiding member or their designee shall warn the individual that their behavior is disrupting the meeting and that their failure to cease their behavior may result in their removal. The presiding member or their designee may then remove the individual if they do not promptly cease their disruptive behavior. This paragraph does not apply to any behavior described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Disrupting" means engaging in behavior during a meeting of a legislative body that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting and includes, but is not limited to, one of the following:

(A) A failure to comply with reasonable and lawful regulations adopted by a legislative body pursuant to Section 54954.3 or any other law.

(B) Engaging in behavior that constitutes use of force or a true threat of force.

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(2) "True threat of force" means a threat that has sufficient indicia of intent and seriousness, that a reasonable observer would perceive it to be an actual threat to use force by the person making the threat.

(Amended by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 22. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)

54957.96.

(a) The existing authority of a legislative body or its presiding officer to remove or limit participation by persons who engage in behavior that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting, including existing limitations upon that authority, shall apply to members of the public participating in a meeting via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform.

(b) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Two-way audiovisual platform" means an online platform that provides participants with the ability to participate in a meeting via both an interactive video conference and a two-way telephonic service. A two-way audiovisual platform may be structured to disable the use of video for the public participants.

(2) "Two-way telephonic service" means a telephone service that does not require internet access and allows participants to dial a telephone number to listen and verbally participate.

(Added by Stats. 2025, Ch. 327, Sec. 23. (SB 707) Effective January 1, 2026.)

54957.10.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a legislative body of a local agency may hold closed sessions to discuss a local agency employee's application for early withdrawal of funds in a deferred compensation plan when the application is based on financial hardship arising from an unforeseeable emergency due to illness, accident, casualty, or other extraordinary event, as specified in the deferred compensation plan.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 45, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2002.)

54958.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the legislative body of every local agency notwithstanding the conflicting provisions of any other state law.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 1588.)

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54959.

Each member of a legislative body who attends a meeting of that legislative body where action is taken in violation of any provision of this chapter, and where the member intends to deprive the public of information to which the member knows or has reason to know the public is entitled under this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Amended by Stats. 1994, Ch. 32, Sec. 18. Effective March 30, 1994. Operative April 1, 1994, by Sec. 23 of Ch. 32.)

54960.

- (a) The district attorney or any interested person may commence an action by mandamus, injunction, or declaratory relief for the purpose of stopping or preventing violations or threatened violations of this chapter by members of the legislative body of a local agency or to determine the applicability of this chapter to ongoing actions or threatened future actions of the legislative body, or to determine the applicability of this chapter to past actions of the legislative body, subject to Section 54960.2, or to determine whether any rule or action by the legislative body to penalize or otherwise discourage the expression of one or more of its members is valid or invalid under the laws of this state or of the United States, or to compel the legislative body to audio record its closed sessions as hereinafter provided.
- (b) The court in its discretion may, upon a judgment of a violation of Section 54956.7, 54956.8, 54956.9, 54956.95, 54957, or 54957.6, order the legislative body to audio record its closed sessions and preserve the audio recordings for the period and under the terms of security and confidentiality the court deems appropriate.
- (c)
 - (1) Each recording so kept shall be immediately labeled with the date of the closed session recorded and the title of the clerk or other officer who shall be custodian of the recording.
 - (2) The audio recordings shall be subject to the following discovery procedures:
 - (A) In any case in which discovery or disclosure of the audio recording is sought by either the district attorney or the plaintiff in a civil action pursuant to Section 54959, 54960, or 54960.1 alleging that a violation of this chapter has occurred in a closed session that has been recorded pursuant to this section, the party seeking discovery or disclosure shall file a written notice of motion with the appropriate court with notice to the governmental agency that has custody and control of the audio

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recording. The notice shall be given pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1005 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(B) The notice shall include, in addition to the items required by Section 1010 of the Code of Civil Procedure, all of the following:

(i) Identification of the proceeding in which discovery or disclosure is sought, the party seeking discovery or disclosure, the date and time of the meeting recorded, and the governmental agency that has custody and control of the recording.

(ii) An affidavit that contains specific facts indicating that a violation of the act occurred in the closed session.

(3) If the court, following a review of the motion, finds that there is good cause to believe that a violation has occurred, the court may review, in camera, the recording of that portion of the closed session alleged to have violated the act.

(4) If, following the in camera review, the court concludes that disclosure of a portion of the recording would be likely to materially assist in the resolution of the litigation alleging violation of this chapter, the court shall, in its discretion, make a certified transcript of the portion of the recording a public exhibit in the proceeding.

(5) This section shall not permit discovery of communications that are protected by the attorney-client privilege.

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 732, Sec. 1. (SB 1003) Effective January 1, 2013.)

54960.1.

- (a) The district attorney or any interested person may commence an action by mandamus or injunction for the purpose of obtaining a judicial determination that an action taken by a legislative body of a local agency in violation of Section 54953, 54954.2, 54954.5, 54954.6, 54956, or 54956.5 is null and void under this section. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a legislative body from curing or correcting an action challenged pursuant to this section.
- (b) Prior to any action being commenced pursuant to subdivision (a), the district attorney or interested person shall make a demand of the legislative body to cure or correct the action alleged to have been taken in violation of Section 54953, 54954.2, 54954.5, 54954.6, 54956, or 54956.5. The demand shall be in writing and clearly describe the challenged action of the legislative body and nature of the alleged violation.

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- (c) (1) The written demand shall be made within 90 days from the date the action was taken unless the action was taken in an open session but in violation of Section 54954.2, in which case the written demand shall be made within 30 days from the date the action was taken.
- (2) Within 30 days of receipt of the demand, the legislative body shall cure or correct the challenged action and inform the demanding party in writing of its actions to cure or correct or inform the demanding party in writing of its decision not to cure or correct the challenged action.
- (3) If the legislative body takes no action within the 30-day period, the inaction shall be deemed a decision not to cure or correct the challenged action, and the 15-day period to commence the action described in subdivision (a) shall commence to run the day after the 30-day period to cure or correct expires.
- (4) Within 15 days of receipt of the written notice of the legislative body's decision to cure or correct, or not to cure or correct, or within 15 days of the expiration of the 30-day period to cure or correct, whichever is earlier, the demanding party shall be required to commence the action pursuant to subdivision (a) or thereafter be barred from commencing the action.
- (d) An action taken that is alleged to have been taken in violation of Section 54953, 54954.2, 54954.5, 54954.6, 54956, or 54956.5 shall not be determined to be null and void if any of the following conditions exist:
- (1) The action taken was in substantial compliance with Sections 54953, 54954.2, 54954.5, 54954.6, 54956, and 54956.5.
- (2) The action taken was in connection with the sale or issuance of notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness or any contract, instrument, or agreement thereto.
- (3) The action taken gave rise to a contractual obligation, including a contract let by competitive bid other than compensation for services in the form of salary or fees for professional services, upon which a party has, in good faith and without notice of a challenge to the validity of the action, detrimentally relied.
- (4) The action taken was in connection with the collection of any tax.
- (5) Any person, city, city and county, county, district, or any agency or subdivision of the state alleging noncompliance with subdivision (a) of Section 54954.2, Section 54956, or Section 54956.5, because of any defect, error, irregularity, or omission in the notice given pursuant to

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those provisions, had actual notice of the item of business at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at which the action was taken, if the meeting was noticed pursuant to Section 54954.2, or 24 hours prior to the meeting at which the action was taken if the meeting was noticed pursuant to Section 54956, or prior to the meeting at which the action was taken if the meeting is held pursuant to Section 54956.5.

- (e) During any action seeking a judicial determination pursuant to subdivision (a) if the court determines, pursuant to a showing by the legislative body that an action alleged to have been taken in violation of Section 54953, 54954.2, 54954.5, 54954.6, 54956, or 54956.5 has been cured or corrected by a subsequent action of the legislative body, the action filed pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be dismissed with prejudice.
- (f) The fact that a legislative body takes a subsequent action to cure or correct an action taken pursuant to this section shall not be construed or admissible as evidence of a violation of this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 454, Sec. 23. Effective January 1, 2003.)

54960.2.

- (a) The district attorney or any interested person may file an action to determine the applicability of this chapter to past actions of the legislative body pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54960 only if all of the following conditions are met:
 - (1) The district attorney or interested person alleging a violation of this chapter first submits a cease and desist letter by postal mail or facsimile transmission to the clerk or secretary of the legislative body being accused of the violation, as designated in the statement pertaining to that public agency on file pursuant to Section 53051, or if the agency does not have a statement on file designating a clerk or a secretary, to the chief executive officer of that agency, clearly describing the past action of the legislative body and nature of the alleged violation.
 - (2) The cease and desist letter required under paragraph (1) is submitted to the legislative body within nine months of the alleged violation.
 - (3) The time during which the legislative body may respond to the cease and desist letter pursuant to subdivision (b) has expired and the legislative body has not provided an unconditional commitment pursuant to subdivision (c).

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(4) Within 60 days of receipt of the legislative body’s response to the cease and desist letter, other than an unconditional commitment pursuant to subdivision (c), or within 60 days of the expiration of the time during which the legislative body may respond to the cease and desist letter pursuant to subdivision (b), whichever is earlier, the party submitting the cease and desist letter shall commence the action pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54960 or thereafter be barred from commencing the action.

- (b) The legislative body may respond to a cease and desist letter submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) within 30 days of receiving the letter. This subdivision shall not be construed to prevent the legislative body from providing an unconditional commitment pursuant to subdivision (c) at any time after the 30-day period has expired, except that in that event the court shall award court costs and reasonable attorney fees to the plaintiff in an action brought pursuant to this section, in accordance with Section 54960.5.
- (c) (1) If the legislative body elects to respond to the cease and desist letter with an unconditional commitment to cease, desist from, and not repeat the past action that is alleged to violate this chapter, that response shall be in substantially the following form:

To _____:

The [name of legislative body] has received your cease and desist letter dated [date] alleging that the following described past action of the legislative body violates the Ralph M. Brown Act:

[Describe alleged past action, as set forth in the cease and desist letter submitted pursuant to subdivision (a)]

In order to avoid unnecessary litigation and without admitting any violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act, the [name of legislative body] hereby unconditionally commits that it will cease, desist from, and not repeat the challenged past action as described above.

The [name of legislative body] may rescind this commitment only by a majority vote of its membership taken in open session at a regular meeting and noticed on its posted agenda as “Rescission of Brown Act Commitment.” You will be provided with written notice, sent by any means or media you provide in response to this message, to whatever address or addresses you specify, of any intention to consider rescinding this commitment at least 30 days before any such regular

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meeting. In the event that this commitment is rescinded, you will have the right to commence legal action pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54960 of the Government Code. That notice will be delivered to you by the same means as this commitment, or may be mailed to an address that you have designated in writing.

Very truly yours,

[Chairperson or acting chairperson of the legislative body]

(2) An unconditional commitment pursuant to this subdivision shall be approved by the legislative body in open session at a regular or special meeting as a separate item of business, and not on its consent agenda.

(3) An action shall not be commenced to determine the applicability of this chapter to any past action of the legislative body for which the legislative body has provided an unconditional commitment pursuant to this subdivision. During any action seeking a judicial determination regarding the applicability of this chapter to any past action of the legislative body pursuant to subdivision (a), if the court determines that the legislative body has provided an unconditional commitment pursuant to this subdivision, the action shall be dismissed with prejudice. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to modify or limit the existing ability of the district attorney or any interested person to commence an action to determine the applicability of this chapter to ongoing actions or threatened future actions of the legislative body.

(4) Except as provided in subdivision (d), the fact that a legislative body provides an unconditional commitment shall not be construed or admissible as evidence of a violation of this chapter.

(d) If the legislative body provides an unconditional commitment as set forth in subdivision (c), the legislative body shall not thereafter take or engage in the challenged action described in the cease and desist letter, except as provided in subdivision (e). Violation of this subdivision shall constitute an independent violation of this chapter, without regard to whether the challenged action would otherwise violate this chapter. An action alleging past violation or threatened future violation of this subdivision may be brought pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54960, without regard to the procedural requirements of this section.

(e) The legislative body may resolve to rescind an unconditional commitment made pursuant to subdivision (c) by a majority vote of its membership taken in open session at a regular meeting as a separate item of business not on its consent agenda, and noticed on its posted agenda as "Rescission of Brown Act Commitment," provided that not less than 30 days prior to such regular

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meeting, the legislative body provides written notice of its intent to consider the rescission to each person to whom the unconditional commitment was made, and to the district attorney. Upon rescission, the district attorney or any interested person may commence an action pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54960. An action under this subdivision may be brought pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54960, without regard to the procedural requirements of this section.

(Added by Stats. 2012, Ch. 732, Sec. 2. (SB 1003) Effective January 1, 2013.)

54960.5.

A court may award court costs and reasonable attorney fees to the plaintiff in an action brought pursuant to Section 54960, 54960.1, or 54960.2 where it is found that a legislative body of the local agency has violated this chapter. Additionally, when an action brought pursuant to Section 54960.2 is dismissed with prejudice because a legislative body has provided an unconditional commitment pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of that section at any time after the 30-day period for making such a commitment has expired, the court shall award court costs and reasonable attorney fees to the plaintiff if the filing of that action caused the legislative body to issue the unconditional commitment. The costs and fees shall be paid by the local agency and shall not become a personal liability of any public officer or employee of the local agency.

A court may award court costs and reasonable attorney fees to a defendant in any action brought pursuant to Section 54960 or 54960.1 where the defendant has prevailed in a final determination of such action and the court finds that the action was clearly frivolous and totally lacking in merit.

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 732, Sec. 3. (SB 1003) Effective January 1, 2013.)

54961.

- (a) No legislative body of a local agency shall conduct any meeting in any facility that prohibits the admittance of any person, or persons, on the basis of ancestry or any characteristic listed or defined in Section 11135, or which is inaccessible to disabled persons, or where members of the public may not be present without making a payment or purchase. This section shall apply to every local agency as defined in Section 54951.
- (b) No notice, agenda, announcement, or report required under this chapter need identify any victim or alleged victim of tortious sexual conduct or child abuse unless the identity of the person has been publicly disclosed.

(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 568, Sec. 35. Effective January 1, 2008.)

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54962.

Except as expressly authorized by this chapter, or by Sections 1461, 1462, 32106, and 32155 of the Health and Safety Code, or by Sections 37606, 37606.1, and 37624.3 of the Government Code as they apply to hospitals, or by any provision of the Education Code pertaining to school districts and community college districts, no closed session may be held by any legislative body of any local agency.

(Amended by Stats. 2006, Ch. 157, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2007.)

54963.

- (a) A person may not disclose confidential information that has been acquired by being present in a closed session authorized by Section 54956.7, 54956.8, 54956.86, 54956.87, 54956.9, 54957, 54957.6, 54957.8, or 54957.10 to a person not entitled to receive it, unless the legislative body authorizes disclosure of that confidential information.
- (b) For purposes of this section, "confidential information" means a communication made in a closed session that is specifically related to the basis for the legislative body of a local agency to meet lawfully in closed session under this chapter.
- (c) Violation of this section may be addressed by the use of such remedies as are currently available by law, including, but not limited to:
 - (1) Injunctive relief to prevent the disclosure of confidential information prohibited by this section.
 - (2) Disciplinary action against an employee who has willfully disclosed confidential information in violation of this section.
 - (3) Referral of a member of a legislative body who has willfully disclosed confidential information in violation of this section to the grandjury.
- (d) Disciplinary action pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) shall require that the employee in question has either received training as to the requirements of this section or otherwise has been given notice of the requirements of this section.
- (e) A local agency may not take any action authorized by subdivision (c) against a person, nor shall it be deemed a violation of this section, for doing any of the following:
 - (1) Making a confidential inquiry or complaint to a district attorney or grand jury concerning a perceived violation of law, including disclosing facts to a district attorney or grand jury that are necessary to establish

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the illegality of an action taken by a legislative body of a local agency or the potential illegality of an action that has been the subject of deliberation at a closed session if that action were to be taken by a legislative body of a local agency.

(2) Expressing an opinion concerning the propriety or legality of actions taken by a legislative body of a local agency in closed session, including disclosure of the nature and extent of the illegal or potentially illegal action.

(3) Disclosing information acquired by being present in a closed session under this chapter that is not confidential information.

- (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit disclosures under the whistleblower statutes contained in Section 1102.5 of the Labor Code or Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 53296) of Chapter 2 of this code.

(Added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1119, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2003.)

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City of Blue Lake Public Safety Commission
Monday January 5, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners in Attendance : Donald Schang, Alex Ricca, Adelene Jones, Lin Glen, Ted Hales
Council Liaison in Attendant: Elise Scafani

1. Establish a Quorum - Meeting called to Order at 7 p.m. by Chair Commissioner Adelene Jones
2. Motion to Approve Agenda - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commission Ted Hales and seconded by Commissioner Lin Glen
3. Public Input - None
4. Approval of Minutes - Chair Adelene Jones ask for any corrections to the December 1 minutes No request. Motion to accept the minutes by Commissioner Alex Ricca and second by Don Schang
5. Report from City Engineer on requirements / cost for installing speed humps / bumps
Discussion - Possible Action. Michael Foget, City Engineer talk over Speed Tables are preferred over Speed Hump. The Speed Tables cost around 10,000.00 each and with the wideness of I street could narrow the street by putting trees and out crops on corners. It is best to start with least cost with speed limit signs or/and Stop Signs
6. Agency Check-in None Attended. Commissioners looked over the Sheriff's Report and discussed which calls are Blue Lakes.
7. Safe New Year Eve Update Still had some fire work going off but fairly quit. Commissioners suggest putting Banner up earlier next year and possibly a second Banner.
8. Blue Lake Safety Refrigerator Magnets Chair Adelene Jones passes out magnets to Commissions and public. And explain we have 500 at city hall.
9. Setting date for the 2026 Safety Fair - Lin Glin goes over possible dates and conflicting events with the park. Will talk to parks on possible usage and dates. We will discuss more on next month meeting.
10. I Street Neighborhood Survey Report - Ted Hales pass out result on survey and will present it to the city council meeting on Safety Commission
11. Potential Development of an Annual Workplan/Goals for the PSC - No action further discussion next month.
12. Expiring Commissioner Terms - Adelene Jones, Alex Ricca, and Ted Hales said they have their applications and will turn in.
13. Report from PSC Liaison Staff & PS Commissioner Report - Staff pass out 2025-2026 Form 700 to be filled out and turn into city hall Clerk Office.
14. Future Agenda Items - Setting Goals, Safety Fair, Get with Sheriff Department on description of Abbreviation on Incident Search Report for better understanding of the calls.
15. Motion to Adjourn - Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Alex Ricca and second by Ted Hales.

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City of Blue Lake Public Safety Commission Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Commissioners in Attendance: Chair Adelene Jones, Alex Ricca, Donald Schang, Ted Hales. Commissioner absent: Lin Glen.

Public in Attendance: Justin Goad, Kent Sawatsky, Elise Scafani - Council liason.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Jones. Quorum established.
2. Approval of the Agenda as delivered. Alex moved, seconded by Ted, all in favor..
3. Public Comment. Kent Sawatsky made a public comment.
4. Approval of Minutes of August meeting as written. Moved by Ted, seconded by Alex, all were in favor.
5. Appointment of Recording Secretary. Alex agreed to do the Minutes.
6. A representative from the Sheriff Office, J.D.Broh answered questions.
7. Agency Check in. It was moved by Ted, seconded by Donald to have all 4 agencies check in. All were in favor, the four are Humboldt County Sheriff, Red Cross, Blue Lake Rancheria and Blue Lake Fire Department.
8. Public Safety Fair, Saturday September 20th. Final plans were made for the Fair. The Public Safety Commission will have a table with information, free safety items and will give out raffle tickets for the grand prize. 14 agencies have been signed up to attend.
9. I Street Survey. Ted Hales completed the survey and City Hall will print them out. It was decided Commissioners and interested citizens will meet at the Town Square at 11:00 am on Saturday September 13th to bring surveys around to the neighbors of I St.
10. Tsunami Redwood Coast Meeting - this was Lin Glen's issue so it was tabled.
11. Safe Route To Blue Lake Rancheria - Adelene will attend this on Wed. Sept. 3.
12. Blue Lake Pods - Lin was going to report on this but she was absent.
13. Blue Lake Magnets. Adelene presented the idea of having more refrigerator magnets available and will check in with the Sheriff per Elise Scafani's suggestion.
14. Future Agenda Items; Horse Ordinance, Tsunami Meeting, Blue Lake Pods, New Years Eve Fireworks. Public Safety Fair, Refrigerator magnets.
15. Ted motioned to adjourn, Donald seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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BLUE LAKE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at
Skinner Store – 111 Greenwood Road**

Unless Otherwise Noted, All items on the Agenda are subject to Action.

1. Establish a Quorum of the Commission at 4:35

Commissioners Present: Roxanne Rothery, Cindy Trobitz-Thomas, Darcey Lima, Kelli Costa and Linda Cooley

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Jill Duffy, Parks and Recreation Director Emily Wood

Others Present: Justin Noyb, Mardi Granger, Julliana Christie, Lori Ponti, Kent Sawatzky, Jean Lynch
Mayor Sawatzky

2. Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion: Lima

Second: Cindy Trobitz-Thomas

Passed: Unanimously

Public Comment: No Public Comment

3. Public Input:

- Mardi Granger presented concept plans for Taylor Way and downtown. The plans include campground, RV Spaces, store with camping supplies, sports equipment, arts retail center, old fashioned soda fountain, coffee shop with simple prepared foods, blacksmith demonstrations on the weekends, etc. The Commission will discuss it more at a later date.
- Julliana Christie suggested the Commission begin setting dates and times to discuss a strategic plan update for Blue Lake. Concerned about the safety kids getting in and out of the Bike Park due to traffic.
- Kent Sawatzky is exploring development options for the Emporium. He is concerned about proposed development on Taylor Way which would gut downtown. He will not upgrade if the project does not pencil out. There are discussions with Senator McGuire and Supervisor Madrone to bring back the actual Blue Lake. Excited to have Blue Lake working with and collaborating with The Rancheria.

4. Approve the Minutes from April 8th Commission Meeting

Motion: Lima

Second: Trobitz-Thomas

Passed: Unanimously

Public Comment: No Public Comments

5. Introduction of Interim City Manager-Jill Duffy~ Jill provided an introduction regarding her limited time in the position. Her hours are very restricted and she is just a placeholder until the new City Manager is hired. In the meantime, she is organizing files for the new City Manager. She even came across the RV concept in 2001.

Commissioner Cooley introduced herself to the other Commissioners and public. She is the manager of Mad River Brewery and is excited to be part of bringing ideas and projects forward to benefit Blue Lake.

Public Comments: No Public Comments

57 **6. City of Blue Lake Project Updates**

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59 Interim City Manager suggested waiting to provide updates when she has a chance to organize the
60 pending projects/ideas. Does not want to misrepresent the status of the projects. Focusing on the big
61 picture. The Housing Element has been approved; the next step is the Planning Commission to address
62 the required rezoning. The pedestrian bridge on 2nd Street is scheduled for repair due to safety concerns.
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64 **Public Comments:**

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 - Kent Sawatsky stated, focus on doable projects, not pipedreams.
 - Julianne Christie, focus on projects that bring revenue to the City as well as Public Safety and infrastructure.

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70 **7. Retail Cannabis Ordinance** ~ Chair Rothery discussed the history of the retail cannabis ordinance and
71 what the Ad Hoc Committee had discovered while researching other communities. This is a discussion
72 item to determine if there is community interest in proceeding or not. After Public Comment below it was
73 Commission consensus to not move forward with the Retail Cannabis Ordinance.
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75 **Public Comments:**

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 - Mardi Granger is not in favor; it is not a wholesome activity.
 - Kent Sawatsky asked if there were people interested, if not, it would be a waste of the City's time.
 - Lori Ponte commented that this activity is not appropriate here. If a business approaches Blue Lake about opening a facility, ask the community about it and the School Board.
 - Jean Lynch has no interest in recreational marijuana in Blue Lake, maybe medical marijuana. Also, due to the size of Blue Lake, it would be difficult to locate due to the six hundred feet from churches and schools rule.
 - Julianna Christie agreed with Kent Sawatsky, unless an interest comes forward there is no need to spend time on it. If a survey is done, maybe include a marijuana question.
 - Mayor Sawatsky asked if the information gathered would be provided to Council?

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88 **8. Business Outreach** ~ Business Outreach is still in its infancy. Initially the Commission had discussed
89 visiting with businesses (with the Chamber) asking how the City could help them grow, possibly putting
90 together a business survey (Commissioner Cooley volunteered to develop a survey along with
91 Commissioner Lima). The survey will be on the next agenda for further discussion.
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93 **Public Comment:**

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95 Kent Sawatsky reminded the Commission to not be redundant with The Chambers business outreach
96 activities.
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98 **9. Staff Reports** ~ Parks and Recreation Event Schedule Update Parks and Recreation Director, Emily Wood
99 provided the following updates:
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 - The Prash Hall Party room has been updated. The novelty room will have more items for pro skaters, etc. Soft opening is planned for the end of August.
 - Reviewing the facility fees schedule.
 - Continuing to build the Parks and Recreation Masterplan.
 - The Bike Park project has been having fundraisers through the Brewery "pints for non-profits" program.
 - Several Halloween activities are planned.

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109 **Comment:**

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111 Kent Sawatsky has had conversations with event planners such as Celebration Boulevard. Lack of parking in
112 Blue Lake could be an issue. Generally, need 600 parking spaces.

113 **10. Chamber of Commerce Report** ~ Chamber President Justin Noyb reported on the following Chamber
114 Activities:

- 115 • Lots of lessons learned from Annie and Mary Day, but overall, it was success and netted over \$500
- 116 dollars. Vendors commented it would be good to coincide with The Grange Breakfast.
- 117 • The Chamber Mixer is planned for September 18th five to seven at Camp Bauer.

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119 **Public Comment:**

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121 Kent Sawatsky gave a shout out to Justin and Emily for pulling Annie and Mary day together. The
122 community needs more young people to get involved.

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124 **11. Future Agenda Items**

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- 126 • Business Outreach Survey
- 127 • Humboldt Made
- 128 • Blue Lake Business Promotion
- 129 • Commission Minute Taker

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131 **Public Comment:** No Public Comment

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133 **12. Motion to Adjourn at 5:50 PM**

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135 **Motion:** Costa
136 **Second:** Cooley
137 **Passed:** Unanimous

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Incident Search Results

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12/29/2025

Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Disposition
12/15/2025	2512150005	XFER	01:02:25	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Xfer to CHP
12/15/2025	2512150007	PC	01:55:22	1451 GLENDALE DR	Gone On Arrival
12/15/2025	2512150020	VEHI	07:43:01	BLUE LAKE BLVD/RAILROAD	No Report
12/15/2025	2512150024	FP	08:15:25	HATCHERY RD/TAYLOR WAY	Field Interview
12/15/2025	2512150047	AVA	10:55:11	200 TAYLOR WAY	Marked For Abatement
12/15/2025	2512150138	REPO	18:49:01	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
12/16/2025	2512160008	VEHI	04:12:00	777 CASINO WAY	Arrest Made
12/16/2025	2512160126	10851	19:55:39	430 I ST	No Report
12/16/2025	2512160137	TRF	21:53:49	BLUE LAKE BLVD/CHARTIN R	Warned
12/17/2025	2512170031	488	09:08:41	STOVER RD	Report Taken
12/17/2025	2512170041	RJ	10:10:01	449 GREENWOOD AVE	Report Taken
12/17/2025	2512170076	RJR	12:46:55	449 GREENWOOD AVE	Supplemental Taken
12/17/2025	2512170116	911M	16:15:48	1451 GLENDALE DR	Accidental Dial
12/17/2025	2512170141	BPAT	20:10:18	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
12/17/2025	2512170152	VEHI	21:25:52	111 GREENWOOD AVE	Unoccupied
12/18/2025	2512180005	TH	01:55:03	STATE HWY 299/ESSEX LN	Cad Documentation Only
12/18/2025	2512180047	XFER	10:17:33	12755 WEST END RD	Xfer to Fire
12/18/2025	2512180049	XFER	10:30:17	12755 WEST END RD	Xfer to Fire
12/18/2025	2512180073	PROB	12:34:44	66 LARSON HEIGHTS RD	Cad Documentation Only
12/18/2025	2512180085	PROB	13:45:24	66 LARSON HEIGHTS RD	Cad Documentation Only
12/18/2025	2512180115	20002	15:35:04	HATCHERY RD/H ST	Pending Recontact From Rp
12/18/2025	2512180177	BUS	22:48:15	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
12/18/2025	2512180179	BPAT	23:15:58	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	No Report
12/19/2025	2512190082	PC	14:17:11	WEST END RD/HATCHERY RD	Public Assist
12/19/2025	2512190125	PC	19:56:00	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
12/19/2025	2512190132	TRF	20:33:28	STATE HWY 299/BLUE LAKE	Warned
12/19/2025	2512190149	602	22:52:21	421 CHARTIN RD	Arrest Made
12/20/2025	2512200007	PC	01:00:15	111 GREENWOOD AVE	Field Interview
12/20/2025	2512200010	PC	01:18:29	HATCHERY RD	Gone On Arrival
12/20/2025	2512200014	WELF	02:31:31	1755 GLENDALE DR	No Report
12/20/2025	2512200045	PC	09:56:36	HATCHERY RD/TAYLOR WAY	Field Interview
12/20/2025	2512200053	XFER	10:39:08	STATE HWY 299/BAIR RD	Xfer to CHP
12/20/2025	2512200060	XFER	11:00:11	STATE HWY 299/BAIR RD	Xfer to CHP
12/20/2025	2512200080	FP	13:20:58	HATCHERY RD	Cad Documentation Only
12/20/2025	2512200110	JUVL	19:21:17	1021 GLENDALE DR	Report Taken
12/20/2025	2512200127	PC	21:09:12	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
12/20/2025	2512200131	VEHI	21:18:15	301 CHARTIN RD	Unoccupied
12/20/2025	2512200132	PC	21:19:52	301 CHARTIN RD	No Report
12/20/2025	2512200133	PC	21:22:45	THE LOGGER BAR	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
12/20/2025	2512200134	PC	21:23:42	RAILROAD AVE/RAYMAR AVE	Gone On Arrival
12/20/2025	2512200135	422	21:26:32	430 RAILROAD AVE	Public Assist
12/20/2025	2512200140	PC	21:51:01	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
12/21/2025	2512210011	VEHI	01:19:42	777 CASINO WAY	Arrest Made
12/21/2025	2512210027	PC	05:08:38	777 CASINO WAY	No Report

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12/21/2025	2512210030	XFER	06:28:11	199 TAYLOR WAY	Xfer to Fire
12/21/2025	2512210045	XFER	07:34:58	295 BLUE LAKE BLVD	Xfer to CHP
12/21/2025	2512210060	XFER	08:40:36	LISCOM HILL RD/GLENDALE	Xfer to CHP
12/21/2025	2512210062	XFER	08:42:49	BLUE LAKE BLVD/CHARTIN R	Xfer to CHP
12/21/2025	2512210066	SUSPP	09:26:55	12750 WEST END RD	Unable to Locate
12/21/2025	2512210146	INV	14:57:51	FLDDBROOK RD/GLENDALE D	No Report
12/21/2025	2512210168	XFER	17:48:47	GLENDALE DR/FLDDBROOK R	Xfer to CHP
12/21/2025	2512210169	ASSISTA	18:00:50	STATE HWY 299/ESSEX LN	Agency Assist
12/21/2025	2512210178	PC	19:05:43	777 CASINO WAY	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
12/21/2025	2512210192	PC	19:45:57	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
12/21/2025	2512210207	ASSISTP	20:51:46	777 CASINO WAY	Public Assist
12/21/2025	2512210208	PC	21:08:02	631 GREENWOOD AVE	No Report
12/21/2025	2512210209	TRF	21:14:55	BLUE LAKE BLVD/RAILROAD	Warned
12/21/2025	2512210210	DISP	21:34:50	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
12/21/2025	2512210211	TRF	21:50:23	1451 GLENDALE DR	Cited
12/21/2025	2512210212	PC	22:21:11	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
12/22/2025	2512220006	PC	00:28:35	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
12/22/2025	2512220064	XFER	12:25:17	541 4TH AVE	Xfer to Medical
12/22/2025	2512220071	CIVIL	12:54:32	496 GLENWOOD LN	Public Assist
12/22/2025	2512220129	415MW	20:23:31	111 EVERGREEN ST	Arrest Made
12/22/2025	2512220132	647F	20:35:31	777 CASINO WAY	Arrest Made
12/23/2025	2512230003	TRF	00:51:53	GLENDALE DR/LISCOM HILL	Warned
12/23/2025	2512230010	TRF	02:36:55	STATE HWY 299/ESSEX LN	Warned
12/23/2025	2512230056	XFER	13:05:29	STATE HWY 299/OLD STATE	Xfer to CHP
12/24/2025	2512240095	WELF	16:07:47	241 H ST	Gone On Arrival
12/24/2025	2512240133	BPAT	23:30:59	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	No Report
12/25/2025	2512250099	911M	21:32:31	1030 STOVER RD	Accidental Dial
12/25/2025	2512250100	XFER	21:35:03	1395 GLENDALE DR	Xfer to Medical
12/25/2025	2512250107	PC	22:21:05	1689 GLENDALE DR	No Report
12/25/2025	2512250108	BPAT	22:27:55	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	No Report
12/25/2025	2512250111	PC	23:30:30	66 LARSON HEIGHTS RD	No Report
12/25/2025	2512250114	PC	23:50:29	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
12/26/2025	2512260015	TRF	02:16:37	GLENDALE DR/GREENHILL R	No Report
12/26/2025	2512260075	XFER	11:48:50	STATE HWY 299	Xfer to CHP
12/26/2025	2512260135	PC	18:30:11	1451 GLENDALE DR	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
12/26/2025	2512260137	PC	18:34:46	777 CASINO WAY	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
12/26/2025	2512260148	BOLO	19:41:01	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
12/26/2025	2512260153	PC	20:14:00	1451 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
12/26/2025	2512260159	PC	20:39:59	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
12/26/2025	2512260160	TRF	20:41:30	GLENDALE DR/HILLTOP LN	Warned
12/26/2025	2512260162	PC	20:51:21	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
12/26/2025	2512260167	PC	21:09:12	631 GREENWOOD AVE	No Report
12/26/2025	2512260181	TRF	23:09:30	777 CASINO WAY	Warned
12/26/2025	2512260182	TRF	23:10:26	1ST AVE/GREENWOOD RD	Warned

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12/26/2025	2512260186	PC	23:45:13	66 LARSON HEIGHTS RD	No Report
12/27/2025	2512270007	BPAT	00:40:29	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	No Report
12/27/2025	2512270008	PC	00:47:38	1660 HATCHERY RD	No Report
12/27/2025	2512270084	SUSPC	14:42:28	241 C ST	No Report
12/27/2025	2512270126	PC	19:48:17	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
12/27/2025	2512270128	PC	19:56:07	301 CHARTIN RD	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
12/27/2025	2512270129	PC	19:58:46	HATCHERY RD	Gone On Arrival
12/28/2025	2512280003	PC	00:34:13	622 BLUE LAKE BLVD	Gone On Arrival
12/28/2025	2512280010	BOLO	01:05:27	777 CASINO WAY	Briefing Information
12/28/2025	2512280032	XFER	05:19:52	321 RAILROAD AVE	Xfer to Medical
12/28/2025	2512280060	AWS	09:33:28	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
12/28/2025	2512280063	WELF	09:59:09	160 LISCOM HILL RD	No Report
12/28/2025	2512280069	PED	10:40:21	GLENDALE DR/LISCOM HILL	Cad Documentation Only
12/28/2025	2512280096	REPO	14:28:25	529 BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA	Cad Documentation Only
12/28/2025	2512280134	PC	20:15:42	1451 GLENDALE DR	Gone On Arrival
12/28/2025	2512280135	PC	20:18:09	2350 GLENDALE DR	Gone On Arrival
12/28/2025	2512280136	PC	20:23:27	777 CASINO WAY	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
12/28/2025	2512280137	PC	20:24:49	301 CHARTIN RD	No Report



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Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Disposition
12/29/2025	2512290005	PC	00:15:17	1451 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
12/29/2025	2512290006	PC	00:19:38	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
12/29/2025	2512290011	BPAT	01:04:55	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	No Report
12/29/2025	2512290036	911C	04:34:58	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
12/29/2025	2512290040	911C	06:00:29	777 CASINO WAY	Pending Recontact From Rp
12/29/2025	2512290041	XFER	06:10:40	310 BLUE LAKE BLVD	Xfer to Medical
12/29/2025	2512290113	WELF	12:51:37	160 LISCOM HILL RD	Cad Documentation Only
12/29/2025	2512290163	WELF	16:43:11	160 LISCOM HILL RD	Cad Documentation Only
12/29/2025	2512290183	CIVIL	21:37:34	1131 GLENDALE DR	Civil Problem
12/30/2025	2512300010	TRF	00:59:15	BLUE LAKE BLVD/STATE HWY	Arrest Made
12/30/2025	2512300015	UNW	03:40:57	777 CASINO WAY	Field Interview
12/30/2025	2512300039	ASSISTP	09:24:28	111 GREENWOOD AVE	Civil Problem
12/30/2025	2512300069	WELF	12:08:25	777 CASINO WAY	Not as Reported
12/30/2025	2512300073	XFER	12:26:47	347 CHARTIN RD	Xfer to Medical
12/30/2025	2512300089	NPROB	13:25:28	145 LISCOM HILL RD	Public Assist
12/30/2025	2512300123	10851	16:37:18	449 GREENWOOD AVE	Report Taken
12/30/2025	2512300124	PC	16:37:19	111 EVERGREEN ST	Public Assist
12/31/2025	2512310059	ASSISTA	13:04:38	861 RAILROAD AVE	Report Taken
12/31/2025	2512310073	PROPF	14:28:39	111 GREENWOOD AVE	Report Taken
01/01/2026	2601010002	XFER	00:08:18	STATE HWY 299/BLUE LAKE	Unable to Locate
01/01/2026	2601010031	243E	03:57:34	GREENWOOD AVE/1ST AVE	Unable to Locate
01/01/2026	2601010036	XFER	06:40:08	541 I ST	Report Taken
01/01/2026	2601010046	ASSISTA	10:10:59	STATE HWY 299	Cad Documentation Only
01/01/2026	2601010115	INV	19:52:58	541 I ST	No Report
01/02/2026	2601020062	XFER	12:30:59	116 LEEVERLEN CT	Xfer to Medical
01/02/2026	2601020144	TRF	19:59:25	LISCOM HILL RD/GLENDALE	Warned
01/02/2026	2601020146	PC	20:06:18	510 RAILROAD AVE	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/02/2026	2601020147	PC	20:07:35	RAILROAD AVE/RAYMAR AVE	Gone On Arrival
01/02/2026	2601020151	BPAT	20:29:59	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	No Report
01/02/2026	2601020162	PC	22:12:27	777 CASINO WAY	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/02/2026	2601020163	PC	22:17:46	631 GREENWOOD AVE	No Report
01/02/2026	2601020172	PC	23:31:14	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
01/03/2026	2601030004	VEHI	00:51:06	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
01/03/2026	2601030011	VEHI	01:59:53	HATCHERY RD/TAYLOR WAY	Advised to Move Along
01/03/2026	2601030073	10851	12:28:08	540 I ST	Civil Problem
01/03/2026	2601030121	PC	18:25:46	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	No Report
01/03/2026	2601030131	PC	19:22:55	631 GREENWOOD AVE	No Report
01/03/2026	2601030143	PC	20:13:52	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
01/03/2026	2601030145	PC	20:35:39	1451 GLENDALE DR	No Report
01/03/2026	2601030150	TRF	20:43:01	1451 GLENDALE DR	Warned
01/03/2026	2601030152	TRF	20:51:53	GLENDALE DR/FIELDBROOK R	Cited
01/03/2026	2601030161	TRF	22:03:34	CHARTIN RD/CASINO WAY	No Report
01/03/2026	2601030172	TRF	22:44:16	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Warned
01/03/2026	2601030179	TRF	23:55:29	BLUE LAKE BLVD/CHARTIN R	Report Taken



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01/04/2026	2601040072	SHOTSH	13:03:37	415 GREENWOOD AVE	Not as Reported
01/04/2026	2601040131	PC	20:47:55	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
01/04/2026	2601040138	TRF	21:15:20	BLUE LAKE BLVD/STATE HWY	Warned
01/04/2026	2601040140	PC	21:21:17	301 CHARTIN RD	Gone On Arrival
01/04/2026	2601040142	PC	21:58:58	631 GREENWOOD AVE	No Report
01/04/2026	2601040150	PC	22:56:58	1451 GLENDALE DR	No Report



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01/12/2026

Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Disposition
01/05/2026	2601050004	PC	00:13:19	1451 GLENDALE DR	Gone On Arrival
01/05/2026	2601050005	PC	00:24:12	777 CASINO WAY	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/05/2026	2601050026	TRF	04:01:26	S RAILROAD AVE/BRODERICK	Warned
01/06/2026	2601060052	VEHI	10:21:09	HATCHERY RD/TAYLOR WAY	Field Interview
01/06/2026	2601060089	WELF	12:28:08	380 BLUE LAKE BLVD	Cad Documentation Only
01/06/2026	2601060179	BPAT	22:03:18	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/06/2026	2601060182	VEHI	22:33:13	295 BLUE LAKE BLVD	Field Interview
01/06/2026	2601060183	TRF	22:57:55	STATE HWY 299/BLUE LAKE	Field Interview
01/06/2026	2601060189	TRF	23:25:57	BLUE LAKE BLVD/GREENWOOD	Do Report
01/07/2026	2601070021	PED	08:48:14	CHARTIN WAY/RAILROAD AVE	Cad Documentation Only
01/07/2026	2601070028	SW	09:07:11	66 LARSON HEIGHTS RD	Arrest Made
01/07/2026	2601070040	FU	10:12:27	777 CASINO WAY	Supplemental Taken
01/07/2026	2601070081	CIVS	12:37:41	530 J ST	Good Service
01/07/2026	2601070119	DISABLE	16:37:39	214400 STATE HWY 299	No Report
01/07/2026	2601070141	PED	20:50:22	HATCHERY RD	No Report
01/07/2026	2601070144	BPAT	21:22:35	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/08/2026	2601080010	XFER	04:39:41	210 S RAILROAD AVE	Xfer to Medical
01/08/2026	2601080012	XFER	06:23:58	210 S RAILROAD AVE	Xfer to Medical
01/08/2026	2601080105	ASSISTP	16:25:54	5127 FIELDBROOK RD	Cad Documentation Only
01/08/2026	2601080126	PC	18:38:39	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
01/09/2026	2601090006	PC	04:30:54	1451 GLENDALE DR	Gone On Arrival
01/09/2026	2601090007	PC	04:38:58	777 CASINO WAY	Gone On Arrival
01/09/2026	2601090008	PC	04:40:22	301 CHARTIN RD	Gone On Arrival
01/09/2026	2601090122	488	19:46:39	777 CASINO WAY	Pending Recontact From Rp
01/09/2026	2601090125	PC	20:04:27	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
01/09/2026	2601090127	TRF	20:16:34	STATE HWY 299/ESSEX LN	Warned
01/10/2026	2601100002	XFER	00:08:36	330 B ST	Xfer to Medical
01/10/2026	2601100008	PED	00:56:58	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
01/10/2026	2601100108	WELF	19:11:25	23 LARSON HEIGHTS RD	Cancel Per Rp
01/10/2026	2601100109	WELF	19:25:47	18888 STATE HWY 299	No Report
01/10/2026	2601100129	PC	22:52:27	631 GREENWOOD AVE	No Report
01/10/2026	2601100133	TRF	23:08:03	STATE HWY 299/ESSEX LN	Warned
01/10/2026	2601100134	911C	23:18:31	777 CASINO WAY	Accidental Dial
01/11/2026	2601110002	TRF	00:06:44	STATE HWY 299/ESSEX LN	Warned
01/11/2026	2601110004	VEHI	00:36:35	777 CASINO WAY	Field Interview
01/11/2026	2601110006	PC	01:32:21	301 CHARTIN RD	Gone On Arrival
01/11/2026	2601110018	XFER	04:56:17	310 1ST AVE	Xfer to Medical
01/11/2026	2601110120	PC	21:20:55	777 CASINO WAY	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/11/2026	2601110122	PC	21:27:57	510 RAILROAD AVE	Gone On Arrival



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01/20/2026

Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Disposition
01/12/2026	2601120020	488	08:29:44	777 CASINO WAY	Pending Recontact From Rp
01/12/2026	2601120040	ANIMAL	10:40:38	S RAILROAD AVE/GELY ST	Referred To Other Agency
01/12/2026	2601120119	VEHI	21:37:12	STATE HWY 299/ESSEX LN	No Report
01/12/2026	2601120120	PED	21:39:59	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Public Assist
01/12/2026	2601120123	TRF	22:00:21	STATE HWY 299/BLUE LAKE	No Report
01/12/2026	2601120134	TRF	23:16:04	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Warned
01/13/2026	2601130005	TRF	01:52:17	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Warned
01/13/2026	2601130006	TRF	02:07:19	STATE HWY 299/ESSEX LN	Warned
01/13/2026	2601130011	TRF	03:47:07	STATE HWY 299/DAVIS ST	Warned
01/13/2026	2601130128	XFER	16:04:19	3525 FIELDBROOK RD	Xfer to Medical
01/13/2026	2601130159	TRF	21:59:23	BLUE LAKE BLVD/CHARTIN R	Warned
01/13/2026	2601130160	TRF	22:10:44	STATE HWY 299 ON RAMP/GL	Warned
01/14/2026	2601140029	EVIC	09:40:19	530 J ST	Good Service
01/14/2026	2601140031	PED	09:48:49	BLUE LAKE BLVD/RAILROAD	Arrest Made
01/14/2026	2601140135	TRF	19:01:13	BLUE LAKE BLVD/I ST	Warned
01/14/2026	2601140139	TRF	19:30:00	HARTMAN ST/BLUE LAKE BLV	Warned
01/14/2026	2601140140	TRF	19:32:21	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Warned
01/14/2026	2601140141	ASSISTP	19:53:40	777 CASINO WAY	Public Assist
01/14/2026	2601140147	PC	20:38:42	LARSON HEIGHTS RD	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/15/2026	2601150003	TRF	01:19:45	777 CASINO WAY	Warned
01/15/2026	2601150031	CIVS	09:24:39	325 GREENHILL RD	Negative Service
01/15/2026	2601150040	CIVS	09:41:13	1678 GLENDALE DR	Negative Service
01/15/2026	2601150077	PROB	12:46:11	66 LARSON HEIGHTS RD	Cad Documentation Only
01/15/2026	2601150088	XFER	13:27:20	2496 GLENDALE DR	Agency Assist
01/15/2026	2601150111	TRF	15:31:04	STATE HWY 299/BAIR RD	Warned
01/15/2026	2601150138	DUMP	18:14:40	BLUE LAKE BLVD/STATE HWY	Advised to Move Along
01/15/2026	2601150145	ASSISTA	18:59:38	STATE HWY 299/ESSEX LN	Agency Assist
01/15/2026	2601150148	PED	19:17:10	777 CASINO WAY	Advised to Move Along
01/15/2026	2601150157	INC	20:18:12	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/15/2026	2601150171	TRF	23:21:39	GREENWOOD AVE/C ST	Warned
01/15/2026	2601150173	TRF	23:32:10	BLUE LAKE BLVD/STATE HWY	Warned
01/16/2026	2601160003	INC	00:20:20	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/16/2026	2601160004	DISABLE	00:33:03	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	No Report
01/16/2026	2601160005	PC	00:37:01	CHARTIN WAY/CHARTIN RD	Cad Documentation Only
01/16/2026	2601160008	AWS	01:21:13	777 CASINO WAY	Negative Contact Made
01/16/2026	2601160010	INC	01:33:57	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/16/2026	2601160011	TRF	01:46:50	STATE HWY 299/BLUE LAKE	Warned
01/16/2026	2601160015	INC	05:10:49	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/16/2026	2601160017	INC	06:18:38	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/16/2026	2601160046	RABID	10:02:36	3RD AVE/K ST	Unable to Locate
01/16/2026	2601160053	PC	10:28:24	HATCHERY RD/TAYLOR WAY	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/16/2026	2601160137	NPROB	18:01:03	329 BLUE LAKE BLVD	Civil Problem
01/16/2026	2601160139	PC	18:10:53	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
01/16/2026	2601160143	PC	18:48:21	1451 GLENDALE DR	Quiet on Arrival or Departur



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01/20/2026

Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Disposition
01/16/2026	2601160148	INC	19:17:59	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/16/2026	2601160161	PC	21:01:34	123 RAYMAR AVE	No Report
01/16/2026	2601160162	BUS	21:03:07	510 RAILROAD AVE	No Report
01/16/2026	2601160164	TRF	21:28:07	CHARTIN RD/BBLUE LAKE RAN	Warned
01/16/2026	2601160167	PC	21:34:12	301 CHARTIN RD	No Report
01/16/2026	2601160170	FP	21:38:19	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
01/16/2026	2601160187	PC	23:36:23	A ST/BROAD ST	Unable to Locate
01/17/2026	2601170022	INC	02:50:11	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/17/2026	2601170084	RABID	16:33:25	108 ACACIA DR	No Report
01/17/2026	2601170098	TRF	18:59:35	STATE HWY 299/BBLUE LAKE	Warned
01/17/2026	2601170099	PC	19:05:47	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
01/17/2026	2601170108	TRF	19:53:10	BBLUE LAKE BLVD/CHARTIN W	Cited
01/17/2026	2601170109	TRF	20:11:34	STATE HWY 299/BBLUE LAKE	Warned
01/17/2026	2601170128	PC	21:44:56	777 CASINO WAY	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/17/2026	2601170129	PC	21:50:21	301 CHARTIN RD	Gone On Arrival
01/17/2026	2601170130	PC	21:52:23	510 RAILROAD AVE	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/17/2026	2601170134	PED	22:31:25	777 CASINO WAY	Report Taken
01/17/2026	2601170140	XFER	23:38:20	777 CASINO WAY	Xfer to another agency
01/18/2026	2601180005	XFER	01:03:51	BBLUE LAKE BLVD/MAPLE CRE	Xfer to Fire
01/18/2026	2601180008	INC	01:42:39	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/18/2026	2601180011	INC	02:43:47	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/18/2026	2601180015	PC	03:52:44	123 RAYMAR AVE	No Report
01/18/2026	2601180016	PC	04:32:35	777 CASINO WAY	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/18/2026	2601180017	TRF	04:36:51	777 CASINO WAY	Warned
01/18/2026	2601180018	PC	04:42:24	295 BBLUE LAKE BLVD	Gone On Arrival
01/18/2026	2601180040	BITE	10:08:45	3RD AVE	Report Taken
01/18/2026	2601180107	TRF	19:41:21	GLENDAL DR/MCADAMS RAN	arned
01/18/2026	2601180112	PC	20:07:43	4TH AVE	Unable to Locate
01/18/2026	2601180121	INC	21:06:01	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction

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01/26/2026

Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Disposition
01/19/2026	2601190001	TRF	00:26:08	CHARTIN WAY/RAILROAD AVE	Report Taken
01/19/2026	2601190021	BPAT	07:20:16	BLUE LAKE BLVD	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/19/2026	2601190035	XFER	08:28:57	114 EVERGREEN ST	Xfer to Fire
01/19/2026	2601190042	PC	09:00:24	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
01/19/2026	2601190043	PC	09:20:42	HATCHERY RD	No Report
01/19/2026	2601190057	XFER	12:03:38	1660 HATCHERY RD	Referred To Other Agency
01/19/2026	2601190066	PARK	12:54:39	285 CHARTIN RD	Report Taken
01/19/2026	2601190108	WELF	18:57:05	123 RAYMAR AVE	No Report
01/19/2026	2601190144	TRF	22:12:54	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Warned
01/19/2026	2601190150	TRF	22:48:30	BLUE LAKE BLVD/STATE HWY	Warned
01/20/2026	2601200010	602	05:16:11	1499 SABER TOOTH RD	Cad Documentation Only
01/20/2026	2601200011	602	05:51:53	26000 STATE HWY 299	Cad Documentation Only
01/20/2026	2601200037	XFER	10:17:49	1195 HATCHERY RD	Xfer to CHP
01/20/2026	2601200055	INC	12:14:05	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/20/2026	2601200069	SUSPV	14:23:01	BLUE LAKE BLVD/CHARTIN W	Cad Documentation Only
01/20/2026	2601200075	TRF	14:43:49	CHARTIN RD/BLUE LAKE BLV	Arrest Made
01/20/2026	2601200118	ASSISTP	18:44:47	112 LEEVERLEN CT	Pending Recontact From Rp
01/20/2026	2601200134	INC	19:44:50	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/20/2026	2601200140	INC	20:38:57	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/21/2026	2601210001	TRF	00:08:04	GLENDALE DR/LISCOM HILL	Arrest Made
01/21/2026	2601210008	TRF	01:25:14	HATCHERY RD	Supplemental Taken
01/21/2026	2601210010	TRF	02:19:13	777 CASINO WAY	Warned
01/21/2026	2601210022	FU	07:36:05	112 LEEVERLEN CT	Pending Recontact From Rp
01/21/2026	2601210030	RJR	08:38:21	112 LEEVERLEN CT	Cad Documentation Only
01/21/2026	2601210031	DISABLE	08:43:22	6400 STATE HWY 299	Cad Documentation Only
01/21/2026	2601210051	BPAT	10:15:17	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/21/2026	2601210075	ASSISTP	11:57:08	149 HILLTOP LN	Public Assist
01/21/2026	2601210089	INC	13:14:34	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/21/2026	2601210103	DISP	14:43:43	2379 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
01/21/2026	2601210127	SPECIALD	16:51:35	631 GREENWOOD AVE	Cad Documentation Only
01/21/2026	2601210138	SPECIALD	18:39:38	631 GREENWOOD AVE	Cad Documentation Only
01/22/2026	2601220007	TRF	03:07:39	BLUE LAKE BLVD/CHARTIN R	Warned
01/22/2026	2601220008	PC	03:22:57	HATCHERY RD	Cad Documentation Only
01/22/2026	2601220011	TRF	04:14:07	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Arrest Made
01/22/2026	2601220117	PC	15:42:10	631 GREENWOOD AVE	No Report
01/22/2026	2601220130	ASSISTP	17:15:38	530 J ST	Public Assist
01/22/2026	2601220158	BPAT	20:10:08	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/22/2026	2601220166	TRF	20:50:26	777 CASINO WAY	Warned
01/22/2026	2601220189	PC	22:27:07	HATCHERY RD/TAYLOR WAY	Admonished
01/23/2026	2601230010	PC	02:14:50	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
01/23/2026	2601230022	SW	06:09:59	STATE HWY 299/CEDAR CREE	Supplemental Taken
01/23/2026	2601230108	INC	14:33:42	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/23/2026	2601230121	XFER	15:11:21	229 PARKER LN	Xfer to Fire
01/23/2026	2601230124	XFER	15:17:17	229 PARKER LN	Xfer to Fire



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01/26/2026

Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Disposition
01/23/2026	2601230136	HAILED	15:55:58	777 CASINO WAY	Report Taken
01/23/2026	2601230138	PC	16:02:00	WEST END RD/HATCHERY RD	Not as Reported
01/23/2026	2601230153	INC	17:11:34	521 DRY CREEK RD	Phone Malfunction
01/23/2026	2601230177	BPAT	21:07:13	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/23/2026	2601230191	PED	22:46:48	777 CASINO WAY	Cited
01/24/2026	2601240065	XFER	13:20:41	20002 STATE HWY 299	Xfer to Fire
01/24/2026	2601240075	911C	14:24:52	3131 LISCOM HILL RD	Accidental Dial
01/24/2026	2601240111	BPAT	19:15:00	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/25/2026	2601250040	DISP	07:35:19	118 LEEVERLEN CT	Cad Documentation Only
01/25/2026	2601250054	PC	09:31:35	631 GREENWOOD AVE	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/25/2026	2601250055	PC	09:34:00	HATCHERY RD/TAYLOR WAY	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/25/2026	2601250059	PC	10:05:18	LARSON HEIGHTS RD	Cad Documentation Only
01/25/2026	2601250103	FU	16:11:18	14581 WEST END RD	Supplemental Taken
01/25/2026	2601250124	BPAT	19:10:20	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur



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02/03/2026

Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Disposition
01/26/2026	2601260006	SUSPV	06:50:12	SHAMROCK LN/RAILROAD AVE	Unable to Locate
01/26/2026	2601260028	911M	09:08:07	111 GREENWOOD AVE	Accidental Dial
01/26/2026	2601260061	INV	11:53:13	631 GREENWOOD AVE	Cad Documentation Only
01/26/2026	2601260107	XFER	16:08:19	BLUE LAKE BLVD	Xfer to CHP
01/26/2026	2601260128	XFER	18:43:04	541 4TH AVE	Xfer to Medical
01/26/2026	2601260130	TRF	19:08:21	777 CASINO WAY	Warned
01/26/2026	2601260131	XFER	19:33:18	STATE HWY 299/BLUE LAKE	Xfer to CHP
01/26/2026	2601260132	BPAT	19:33:22	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/26/2026	2601260133	PC	19:40:47	HATCHERY RD	No Report
01/26/2026	2601260135	VEHI	19:44:10	HATCHERY RD	Field Interview
01/26/2026	2601260137	PC	19:56:41	66 LARSON HEIGHTS RD	Cad Documentation Only
01/26/2026	2601260144	REPO	20:28:52	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
01/26/2026	2601260153	BUS	21:49:53	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
01/26/2026	2601260164	XFER	23:46:41	304 S RAILROAD AVE	Xfer to Fire
01/27/2026	2601270006	602	03:58:38	777 CASINO WAY	Unable to Locate
01/27/2026	2601270068	RJ	11:59:03	112 LEEVERLEN CT	Cad Documentation Only
01/27/2026	2601270108	ASSISTP	15:39:34	530 J ST	Public Assist
01/27/2026	2601270140	SUSPV	21:29:15	1451 GLENDALE DR	Unoccupied
01/28/2026	2601280069	FU	12:18:03	530 J ST	Public Assist
01/28/2026	2601280165	TRF	21:50:41	BLUE LAKE BLVD/STATE HWY	Warned
01/28/2026	2601280166	TRF	22:15:25	777 CASINO WAY	Warned
01/28/2026	2601280167	DISP	22:26:41	411 CHARTIN RD	Cad Documentation Only
01/28/2026	2601280168	FP	22:34:38	777 CASINO WAY	Field Interview
01/29/2026	2601290003	TRF	00:42:27	777 CASINO WAY	Arrest Made
01/29/2026	2601290041	CWS	09:35:36	325 MYRTLEWOOD LN	Report Taken
01/29/2026	2601290048	XFER	10:23:41	304 S RAILROAD AVE	Xfer to Fire
01/29/2026	2601290103	CWS	14:36:53	112 LEEVERLEN CT	Report Taken
01/29/2026	2601290120	XFER	16:17:44	1212 LISCOM HILL RD	Xfer to Medical
01/29/2026	2601290135	TRF	17:46:38	210 CHARTIN RD	Warned
01/29/2026	2601290138	PED	18:06:33	777 CASINO WAY	Field Interview
01/29/2026	2601290154	TRF	22:14:15	BLUE LAKE BLVD/CHARTIN R	Warned
01/30/2026	2601300042	TRF	10:18:03	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Warned
01/30/2026	2601300048	PC	10:41:39	HATCHERY RD/TAYLOR WAY	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/30/2026	2601300112	SHOTSH	17:00:21	1529 GLENDALE DR	No Report
01/30/2026	2601300139	XFER	20:40:20	STATE HWY 299/BLUE LAKE	Xfer to CHP
01/30/2026	2601300142	PED	21:54:14	777 CASINO WAY	Report Taken
01/30/2026	2601300149	PED	23:47:47	777 CASINO WAY	Warned
01/31/2026	2601310003	PED	00:23:40	777 CASINO WAY	Arrest Made
01/31/2026	2601310043	PC	10:44:59	631 GREENWOOD AVE	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
01/31/2026	2601310092	XFER	15:32:04	254 WALTON LN	Xfer to Fire
01/31/2026	2601310096	XFER	15:38:29	777 CASINO WAY	Xfer to Medical
01/31/2026	2601310097	XFER	15:39:18	777 CASINO WAY	Xfer to Medical
01/31/2026	2601310112	XFER	17:05:30	1212 LISCOM HILL RD	Xfer to Fire
01/31/2026	2601310131	BPAT	19:26:58	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur



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02/03/2026

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01/31/2026	2601310133	ASSISTP	19:54:17	411 CHARTIN RD	No Report
01/31/2026	2601310151	PC	22:18:12	411 CHARTIN RD	Gone On Arrival
02/01/2026	2602010115	FU	17:13:07	18888 STATE HWY 299	Negative Contact Made
02/01/2026	2602010120	TRF	18:03:33	12000 STATE HWY 299	Warned



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02/09/2026

Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Disposition
02/02/2026	2602020007	BPAT	02:09:05	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
02/02/2026	2602020008	911M	02:14:47	379 CHARTIN RD	Accidental Dial
02/02/2026	2602020083	FRAUD	13:58:23	149 HILLTOP LN	Cad Documentation Only
02/02/2026	2602020123	242	17:18:07	131 G ST	Cad Documentation Only
02/02/2026	2602020128	DISP	17:32:52	1021 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/02/2026	2602020130	488	17:34:23	1021 GLENDALE DR	Report Taken
02/02/2026	2602020164	TRF	20:50:35	BLUE LAKE BLVD/CHARTIN R	Warned
02/03/2026	2602030026	WELF	08:15:07	112 ROUSS CT	No Report
02/03/2026	2602030028	TRF	08:18:58	STATE HWY 299/SABER TOOT	Warned
02/03/2026	2602030153	488	18:06:50	295 BLUE LAKE BLVD	Report Taken
02/03/2026	2602030159	PED	18:38:26	777 CASINO WAY	Arrest Made
02/03/2026	2602030172	FU	19:38:05	449 GREENWOOD AVE	Report Taken
02/03/2026	2602030173	ASSISTA	19:42:18	STATE HWY 299	Unable to Locate
02/03/2026	2602030177	TRF	20:24:01	GLENDALE DR/GREENHILL RD	Cited
02/03/2026	2602030184	CUST	21:20:49	1021 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/03/2026	2602030185	415FAM	21:24:03	411 CHARTIN RD	No Report
02/04/2026	2602040001	SUSPC	00:35:32	117 ROUSS CT	Cited
02/04/2026	2602040017	CIVIL	09:05:22	149 HILLTOP LN	Cad Documentation Only
02/04/2026	2602040029	SHOTSH	09:52:28	631 GREENWOOD AVE	Unable to Locate
02/04/2026	2602040036	ANIMAL	10:38:56	1021 GLENDALE DR	Warned
02/04/2026	2602040041	CWS	10:55:59	112 LEEVERLEN CT	Cad Documentation Only
02/04/2026	2602040110	SUSPP	16:10:16	1451 GLENDALE DR	Advised to Move Along
02/04/2026	2602040118	TRF	16:51:45	14000 STATE HWY 299	Warned
02/04/2026	2602040125	REPO	17:23:54	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
02/04/2026	2602040131	INV	17:49:38	1589 GLENDALE DR	Report Taken
02/04/2026	2602040171	VEHI	23:22:12	HATCHERY RD	Advised to Move Along
02/05/2026	2602050001	PED	00:14:29	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
02/05/2026	2602050018	FU	06:59:32	1589 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/05/2026	2602050035	WELF	09:07:36	1589 GLENDALE DR	Negative Contact Made
02/05/2026	2602050105	601	15:47:24	631 3RD AVE	Report Taken
02/05/2026	2602050133	FUSUSP	18:10:23	1589 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/05/2026	2602050137	FU	18:50:12	1579 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/06/2026	2602060026	XFER	07:42:06	BLUE LAKE BLVD/ACACIA DR	Xfer to Medical
02/06/2026	2602060027	XFER	07:42:26	301 CHARTIN RD	Xfer to Fire
02/06/2026	2602060030	XFER	08:00:01	301 CHARTIN RD	Xfer to Fire
02/06/2026	2602060048	WELF	10:52:31	1589 GLENDALE DR	No Report
02/06/2026	2602060092	XFER	13:59:52	STATE HWY 299/ESSEX LN	Xfer to CHP
02/06/2026	2602060132	TRF	18:02:36	GLENDALE DR/GREENHILL RD	Cited
02/06/2026	2602060137	PC	18:37:34	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
02/06/2026	2602060156	RO	21:17:43	111 EVERGREEN ST	Arrest Made
02/07/2026	2602070001	PED	00:01:20	777 CASINO WAY	Arrest Made
02/07/2026	2602070030	BPAT	06:41:36	111 GREENWOOD AVE	Cad Documentation Only
02/07/2026	2602070044	FU	09:41:16	1589 GLENDALE DR	Public Assist
02/07/2026	2602070046	XFER	10:03:42	17393 STATE HWY 299	Xfer to Medical



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02/09/2026

Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Disposition
02/08/2026	2602080005	PC	00:35:27	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
02/08/2026	2602080021	BOOM	03:56:36	140 ACACIA DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/08/2026	2602080047	ASSISTP	10:20:31	1589 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/08/2026	2602080068	DISP	12:51:31	1589 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/08/2026	2602080086	CUST	18:01:57	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only



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02/17/2026

Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Disposition
02/09/2026	2602090029	ASSISTP	09:11:39	1589 GLENDALE DR	Public Assist
02/09/2026	2602090057	CUST	12:38:04	1021 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/09/2026	2602090078	415FAM	14:30:32	1589 GLENDALE DR	Report Taken
02/09/2026	2602090101	WELF	18:04:25	18888 STATE HWY 299	Cad Documentation Only
02/09/2026	2602090112	601	19:21:03	1021 GLENDALE DR	No Report
02/09/2026	2602090120	TRF	20:40:30	CHARTIN RD/BBLUE LAKE BLV	Cited
02/09/2026	2602090121	PC	20:48:46	631 GREENWOOD AVE	No Report
02/09/2026	2602090122	PC	20:54:16	1660 HATCHERY RD	No Report
02/10/2026	2602100028	XFER	07:33:22	STATE HWY 299	Xfer to CHP
02/10/2026	2602100050	WELF	09:54:16	1589 GLENDALE DR	No-Response
02/10/2026	2602100053	PC	10:10:09	BLUE LAKE BLVD/MAPLE CRE	Cad Documentation Only
02/10/2026	2602100107	PED	14:46:14	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
02/10/2026	2602100147	TRF	20:40:55	BLUE LAKE BLVD/GREENWOOD	dmonished
02/11/2026	2602110005	33X	00:25:38	1500 GLENDALE DR	Non-Billable Alarm
02/11/2026	2602110008	BOLO	00:41:32	777 CASINO WAY	Unable to Locate
02/11/2026	2602110009	TRF	01:09:55	CHARTIN RD/BRODERICK LN	Warned
02/11/2026	2602110013	VEHI	01:29:19	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Cad Documentation Only
02/11/2026	2602110016	33X	05:26:49	1750 GLENDALE DR	Billable Alarm
02/11/2026	2602110029	XFER	08:35:21	STATE HWY 299/CEDAR CREE	Xfer to CHP
02/11/2026	2602110047	VEHI	09:54:25	STATE HWY 299/BBLUE LAKE	Advised to Move Along
02/11/2026	2602110064	C5	11:53:20	1589 GLENDALE DR	Negative Contact Made
02/11/2026	2602110142	STANDBY	16:59:22	1579 GLENDALE DR	No Report
02/11/2026	2602110169	TRF	20:02:30	BLUE LAKE BLVD/STATE HWY	Warned
02/12/2026	2602120034	211	08:56:58	861 RAILROAD AVE	Report Taken
02/12/2026	2602120042	ASSISTP	09:38:36	111 EVERGREEN ST	Public Assist
02/12/2026	2602120044	33X	09:44:43	101 TAYLOR WAY	Billable Alarm
02/12/2026	2602120049	911M	10:21:03	124 RAYMAR AVE	Accidental Dial
02/13/2026	2602130045	NPROB	09:50:44	1497 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/13/2026	2602130075	CUST	11:46:31	1021 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/13/2026	2602130111	WELF	14:49:52	1589 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/13/2026	2602130140	TRF	18:09:17	STATE HWY 299/ESSEX LN	Cited
02/13/2026	2602130143	415	18:57:16	306 CHARTIN RD	Civil Problem
02/13/2026	2602130152	BPAT	20:33:39	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	No Report
02/13/2026	2602130185	PC	23:29:26	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
02/14/2026	2602140041	FU	12:13:36	1589 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/14/2026	2602140068	DUMP	15:07:49	J ST/BBLUE LAKE BLVD	Not as Reported
02/14/2026	2602140114	415	23:34:50	777 CASINO WAY	Arrest Made
02/15/2026	2602150035	WELF	10:30:32	1589 GLENDALE DR	No Report
02/15/2026	2602150072	WELF	16:53:31	777 CASINO WAY	Cited
02/15/2026	2602150081	2735	19:13:56	2558 GLENDALE DR	Arrest Made



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02/25/2026

Date	Inc #	Type	Time	Location	Disposition
02/16/2026	2602160079	911M	14:43:51	320 MYRTLEWOOD LN	Accidental Dial
02/16/2026	2602160109	PC	19:44:28	HATCHERY RD	Cad Documentation Only
02/16/2026	2602160138	PC	22:40:13	1451 GLENDALE DR	No Report
02/16/2026	2602160139	PC	22:42:50	66 LARSON HEIGHTS RD	No Report
02/17/2026	2602170009	PC	02:57:55	301 CHARTIN RD	No Report
02/17/2026	2602170041	VEHI	08:41:45	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
02/17/2026	2602170070	PROB	11:16:58	540 RAILROAD AVE	Cad Documentation Only
02/17/2026	2602170130	TC	17:07:01	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Agency Assist
02/17/2026	2602170147	PC	20:23:43	HATCHERY RD	Cad Documentation Only
02/17/2026	2602170149	TRF	20:34:38	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Warned
02/18/2026	2602180013	VEHI	02:29:31	777 CASINO WAY	No Report
02/18/2026	2602180018	PC	03:07:55	301 CHARTIN RD	No Report
02/18/2026	2602180060	911M	11:03:43	320 MYRTLEWOOD LN	Cad Documentation Only
02/18/2026	2602180145	FU	19:52:11	306 CHARTIN RD	Supplemental Taken
02/18/2026	2602180163	PED	22:39:53	CHARTIN RD/CHARTIN WAY	Cad Documentation Only
02/18/2026	2602180166	TRF	22:45:00	BLUE LAKE BLVD/CHARTIN R	Cited
02/18/2026	2602180169	TRF	22:53:54	777 CASINO WAY	Cited
02/18/2026	2602180173	PC	23:23:31	HATCHERY RD	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
02/18/2026	2602180178	TRF	23:42:22	295 BLUE LAKE BLVD	Warned
02/19/2026	2602190064	WELF	12:08:16	1589 GLENDALE DR	Negative Contact Made
02/19/2026	2602190154	TRF	20:00:32	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Cited
02/19/2026	2602190158	PED	20:28:36	CHARTIN RD/CHARTIN WAY	Cited
02/19/2026	2602190174	BPAT	22:15:35	BLUE LAKE BLVD	No Report
02/19/2026	2602190177	VEHI	22:32:43	TAYLOR WAY/MONDA WAY	Advised to Move Along
02/20/2026	2602200014	XFER	04:17:44	WEST END RD/HATCHERY RD	Xfer to CHP
02/20/2026	2602200055	CWS	10:39:58	306 CHARTIN RD	Supplemental Taken
02/20/2026	2602200074	BPAT	12:19:30	111 GREENWOOD AVE	Cad Documentation Only
02/20/2026	2602200095	WELF	14:45:18	1589 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/20/2026	2602200107	33X	15:44:08	1975 GLENDALE DR	Cancel Per Rp
02/20/2026	2602200136	BPAT	19:51:52	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
02/21/2026	2602210009	TRF	02:11:09	1451 GLENDALE DR	Warned
02/21/2026	2602210116	PC	19:11:18	1451 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/21/2026	2602210117	BPAT	19:27:14	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Quiet on Arrival or Departur
02/21/2026	2602210121	PC	20:05:16	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
02/21/2026	2602210140	BPAT	22:24:42	777 CASINO WAY	Cad Documentation Only
02/21/2026	2602210147	TRF	23:07:34	BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA RD/C	Warned
02/21/2026	2602210150	TRF	23:23:42	1451 GLENDALE DR	Warned
02/21/2026	2602210152	TRF	23:34:39	STATE HWY 299/GLENDALE D	Warned
02/22/2026	2602220008	415W	01:36:56	2496 GLENDALE DR	Report Taken
02/22/2026	2602220038	WELF	09:53:16	1589 GLENDALE DR	No-Response
02/22/2026	2602220044	WELF	11:22:19	1589 GLENDALE DR	Cad Documentation Only
02/22/2026	2602220086	SUSPP	17:45:54	640 J ST	No Report
02/22/2026	2602220108	BPAT	20:16:39	RAILROAD AVE/G ST	Cad Documentation Only
02/22/2026	2602220116	TRF	21:35:55	STATE HWY 299/BLUE LAKE	Cited



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02/22/2026	2602220119	TRF	22:00:35	6400 STATE HWY 299	Warned

SAMPLE

BLUE LAKE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION 2014 WORKPLAN

Hold annual law enforcement town meeting (ordinance and City of Blue Lake Strategic Plan)

Assess progress on 2014 work plan, establish new annual goals, create work plan for 2015 and submit it to city council for approval (ordinance)

Receive monthly reports from city manager of community complaints/concerns/community issues re law enforcement services – report quarterly to city council (ordinance)

Hold study sessions on major topics that the BLPSC will address during 2014 (BLPSC and community survey)

Prioritized list – as time allows: Neighborhood Watch, Law Enforcement /Emergency Preparedness and Blue Lake's Relationship with Rancheria, Emergency Preparedness, Animal Control, Homelessness/Transients, Grow Houses, Community Policing

Increase the number of functioning Neighborhood Watch-type groups in Blue Lake (community survey)

Refine Blue Lake's current police activity report format to make reports more useful to the BLPSC and the public (community survey)

Refine Blue Lake's Policy Statement on vision-goals-objectives for law enforcement Services (BLPSC)

Review possible law enforcement service alternatives to Sheriff - (city council)

Develop pro-active community law enforcement communication system (community survey)

Models to consider: Nextdoor.com, the city's website, city of Trinidad's email system.

Educate citizens on how to access law enforcement services in the city of Blue Lake (community survey and City of Blue Lake Strategic Plan)

City of Blue Lake Strategic Plan

2013-2018

Economic Development

Community Services

Public Safety

Parks and Recreation

Infrastructure

City of Blue Lake Mission:

We are a small, historic, family friendly town with an enhanced quality of life and engaged community located in a natural setting that provides us with recreational, as well as, economic opportunities. The City serves a diverse community of residents, businesses and visitors with a knowledgeable, dedicated, responsive staff under the leadership and support of the City Council. The Council listens to the citizens, acts responsibly and seeks innovative and creative solutions to best meet the challenges before them. Guided by fairness, honesty, integrity and transparency, the City Council and City Staff are responsive to the needs of the community. In doing so, the City of Blue Lake helps insure that we are a thriving, vibrant, healthy community.

Approved by the Blue Lake City Council 10/30/12

Economic Development

PRIORITIES:

- ✓ PROMOTE BLUE LAKE'S IMAGE/VIRTUE AS A DESTINATION FOR BOTH BUSINESSES AND VISITORS/CONSUMERS
- ✓ EXPAND BUSINESS IN THE INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK
- ✓ IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WITH CITIZENS AND CITY
- ✓ ADDRESS DOWNTOWN PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND PARKING PLAN

2013 –

2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 to 12/31/12)

- Review existing ordinances and parking plan and implement revised program for downtown parking

3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 to 3/31/13)

- Utilize marketing resources

4TH QUARTER (4/1/13 to 6/30/13)

- Hold “open house” in Business Park facilitated by City
- Utilize industrial land use goals and policies where appropriate

2014 –

2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 to 12/31/13)

- Implement a plan for the City Council business liaison
- Hold study session(s) with business owners

4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 to 6/30/14)

- Make effort to attract businesses that are compatible with the community
- Develop a marketing plan
- Develop a brochure about Business Park and downtown areas

2015 –

3RD QUARTER (1/1/15 to 3/31/15)

- Upgrade infrastructure for undeveloped parcels through grants and other resources

2016 –

3RD QUARTER (1/1/16 to 3/31/16)

- Change the name to *Blue Lake Business Park* and create new signage
- Make additions and changes to the website to promote Blue Lake image and qualities for both businesses and consumers as a destination

Community Services

PRIORITIES:

- ✓ STREAMLINE APPLICATION PROCESSES FOR CITIZENS
- ✓ FURTHER DEVELOP SYSTEMS FOR CITY SERVICES AND CITY DEPARTMENTS
- ✓ MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP CITY/COMMUNITY WEBSITE

2013 –

3rd QUARTER (1/1/13 to 3/31/13)

- Institute direct deposit for employee paychecks (at appropriate time)

2014 –

1st QUARTER (7/1/13 to 9/30/13)

- Create standardized method of reporting and sharing information between City Council and Commissions, and in turn the community

2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 to 12/31/13)

- Investigate funding opportunities for web development
- Train staff for on-going maintenance of

city/community website

3rd QUARTER (1/1/14 to 3/31/14)

- Create and advertise clear explanation of complaint procedures and processes for residents
- Investigate and recommend to the voters a revenue source for General Fund capital items and replacements
- Teambuilding exercises for City Council and City Manager
- Local-based Council training – public engagement / conflict resolution

- Make Council packets available on website

4th QUARTER (4/1/14 to 6/30/14)

- Make information packages, applications and processes (licenses, permitting, planning and zoning) easier to understand
- Utilize the city/community website to aid navigation of information and applications processes for citizens



Community Services continued...

2016 –

2ND QUARTER (10/1/15 to 12/31/15)

- Better utilize the website as a resource of information for citizens:
 - Licensing/Permit
Zoning/Planning
 - Accessible documents-
Applications,
Ordinances,
Engineering Plans,
Agendas, Minutes
- Use to increase citizen participation
- Create systems of better access to city documents (ordinances, emergency plan, resolutions, etc.)

Public Safety

PRIORITIES:

- ✓ DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY PLANNING
- ✓ ACHIEVE BETTER COMMUNICATION ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY IN BLUE LAKE
- ✓ IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY

2013 –

2ND QUARTER (10/1/12 to 12/31/12)

- Institute yearly update of Emergency Plan
- Provide community access to Emergency Plan
- Invite key collaborators in Blue Lake public safety to regularly share info with City Council and Community
- Educate community about how to access Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and other public safety services

3RD QUARTER (1/1/13 to 3/31/13)

- Assessment of safety needs of City owned properties

- Promote public safety training opportunities for the community (CERT, SCOP, Neighborhood Watch)
- Institute annual public meeting for citizens to provide input about Humboldt County Sheriff's Office services
- Yearly meeting with community about emergency planning

2014 –

2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 to 12/31/13)

- Invite key collaborators to share information with City Council and community (CERT, Sheriff's Office, Public Safety Commission, County
- Maintain all access

roads and alleyways for emergency vehicles

4TH QUARTER (4/1/14 to 6/30/14)

- Create assessment of ADA compliance for all City facilities (indoors and out)

2015 –

2ND QUARTER (10/1/14 to 12/31/15)

- Secure MOU's with stakeholders

2016 –

3RD QUARTER (1/1/16 to 3/31/16)

- Evaluate the use of and complete requirements for CDBG funds for ADA improvements



Public Safety continued...

2016 –

2nd QUARTER (10/1/15 to 12/31/15)

- Identify special needs populations in the community

2017–

2nd QUARTER (10/1/16 to 12/31/16)

- Identify and select critical positions and people to fill emergency positions

4th QUARTER (4/1/17 – 6/30/17)

- Improve general safety of city owned properties (business park, trails, corp yard, etc.)

Parks and Recreation

PRIORITIES:

- ✓ SECURE AND SUSTAIN FUNDING
- ✓ PROVIDE ON-GOING CARE AND SUSTAINABILITY OF ALL FACILITIES
- ✓ IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

2013 –

3rd QUARTER (1/1/13 to 3/31/13)

- Improve outgoing communication to local residents about what is happening through Parks and Recreation
- Develop stronger relationship with residents regarding Park and Recreation program and issues

2014 –

1st QUARTER (7/1/13 to 9/30/13)

- Improve upkeep and maintenance of trails
- Add materials to trail base/surface for accessibility and safety

3rd QUARTER (1/1/14 to 3/31/14)

2015 –

2nd QUARTER (10/1/14 to 12/31/14)

- Complete ADA upgrades

3rd QUARTER (1/1/15 to 3/31/15)

- Secure funding for upgrades, maintenance and improvements
- Secure funding for staff to support maintenance, programs and site growth
- Develop dedicated revenue source for sustainability
- Resolve issues with operating and capital needs coming from

same revenue source

2016 –

3rd QUARTER (1/1/16 to 3/31/16)

- Complete repairs and improve maintenance/upkeep of Perigot Park

4th QUARTER (4/1/16 to 6/30/16)

- Park upgrades – Phase I completed (Finish carpeting Prasch Hall, Paint inside Prasch Hall, remodel kitchen)

2018 –

4th QUARTER (4/1/18 to 6/30/18)

- Complete park upgrades – Phase II (Paint exterior Prasch Hall)

Note: in 2020, Phase III, Install new gym floor, to be completed

Infrastructure

PRIORITIES:

- ✓ DEVELOP A RATE STRUCTURE FOR DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USERS THAT PROVIDES A LONG TERM PLAN THAT INSURES WATER QUALITY AND INCLUDES RESERVES FOR OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL NEEDS
- ✓ PURSUE "GOING GREEN" PROJECTS WHEN THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE
- ✓ ADDRESS TRAFFIC CIRCULATION, SIDEWALK PLANNING, TRAIL AND BIKE NETWORKING TOWARD THE GOAL OF LESS RELIANCE ON FOSSIL FUELS
- ✓ ASSURE LEVEE PROTECTION

2013 –

3rd QUARTER (1/1/13 to 3/31/13)

- Communicate to citizens issues surrounding levee and flood mitigation
- Incorporate current ADA requirements into all infrastructure improvements
- Conduct a study that encompasses a water rate for all users. Hold public meetings to inform residents and businesses

2014 –

1st QUARTER (7/1/13 to 9/30/14)

- Review draft of flood insurance rate map and

advise residents of its findings

- Create structural evaluation of levee for flood mapping and safety
- Maintain vegetation clearance of levee
- Clarify levee ownership and responsibility for repairs, costs, mandated studies, etc.
- Conduct a study that focuses on sewer study rate for residents, businesses and industrial users

2ND QUARTER (10/1/13 to 12/31/13)

Hold public meetings to inform residents and business users of sewer study findings

2015 –

1st QUARTER (7/1/14 to 9/30/14)

- Implement terms of River Watch Settlement
- Blue Lake Planning Commission zoning and land use regulations updated
- Research and partner with City's affiliations and JPAs for grant opportunities
- Research and partner with county, state and federal agencies that offer grants for green projects



Infrastructure continued...

2015 –

2nd QUARTER (10/1/14 to 12/31/14)

- Conduct study for City-wide circulation plan (sidewalks, trails, paths, bike lanes, roads)

4th QUARTER (4/11/15 to 6/30/15)

- Utilize \$134,000 Sustainable Energy Grant

- Create a long term capital needs plan for reserves and operational needs (water)
- Create a long term capital needs plan for reserves and operational needs (sewer)

2016 –

1st QUARTER (7/1/15 to 9/30/15)

- Secure grants for road, sidewalks, trails & transit system expansion

4th QUARTER (4/30/16 to 6/30/16)

- Expand and extend bus service

Public Safety Commission

2023 Work Plan

Wildfire Safety & Preparedness



- Work with resource agencies and the City on wildfire preparedness issues, including specific objectives identified in the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Community Observe and Report Program

Community Surveillance Program



Community Watch

- Actively engage with area resource providers including Neighborhood Watch, PODS, Sheriff, SCOP, Fire District, CERT, etc...
- Pursue ongoing training for community members and continue to develop capacity to increase security measures in the community.
- Encourage and promote Neighborhood Watch Programs

Tabletop Exercise



- Plan and execute a Blue Lake specific tabletop exercise in partnership with local and regional response agencies and partners, including the Blue Lake Fire District, CERT and Humboldt County OES.

Community Empowerment & Outreach



- Update the public safety brochure and develop additional outreach methods for public dissemination
- Meet with individual neighborhoods to assess area specific concerns
- Actively promote the Humboldt Alert System through social media, tabling, events, etc....