



City of Arts & Innovation

Community Police Review Commission

TO: COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2025
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION ON THE BROWN ACT – CALIFORNIA'S OPEN MEETING LAW

ISSUE:

Training on the Brown Act, also known as California's Open Meeting Law.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) receive and file a presentation from the City Attorney's Office on the Brown Act, also known as California's Open Meeting Law.

BACKGROUND:

The CPRC has identified the need for comprehensive training on key aspects of law enforcement interactions and procedures. These topics are important for the commission to understand current and best practices and protocols, providing them with a well-rounded perspective when reviewing complaint and officer involved death cases.

DISCUSSION:

The Brown Act was enacted in 1953 and is codified in the California Government Code, section 54950, *et seq.* In general, the Brown Act requires the deliberations and actions of California's public agency governing boards, commissions and councils be taken openly and in public.

The City Attorney's Office has prepared a presentation to present to the CPRC reviewing the requirements of the Brown Act, also known as California's Open Meeting Law.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation