

# Proposed Code of Conduct

Citizens' Advisory Committee  
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Agenda Item 8



# BACKGROUND

- JPB meetings are subject to the Brown Act:
  - Guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies
  - Permits governing bodies to adopt codes of conduct to preserve decorum and permit the orderly conduct of in-person meetings and meetings held via teleconference

# CONDUCT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Must permit public criticism of the agenda to be freely expressed at Board and Committee meetings
- May decline to take public comment on topics that are not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency
- May remove disruptive individuals from meetings in order to preserve order in a meeting

# PROPOSED CODE OF CONDUCT

- Establish expectations for conduct at meetings in order to promote productivity and efficiency while fostering public participation
- Provide guidance and rules for public comment
- Authorize Chair to sanction speaker(s) if conduct:
  - Disrupts orderly conduct of a meeting or
  - Interferes with the Board's ability to conduct its business
- Remain consistent with Brown Act requirements