
THE BROWN ACT

Sunshine Law

Open Meetings Law

APPLIES WHEN:

There is a gathering of a **majority (or quorum)** of the members of the legislative body to:

1. HEAR

Listening to staff reports or watching a movie!

2. DISCUSS

Does not require any action be taken.

3. DELIBERATE

Making decisions, taking action.

on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body.



EXCEPTIONS

- Conferences and similar gatherings which are open to the public.
- Open and public meetings held by another person or organization.
- Open and noticed meetings of another legislative body.
- Purely social or ceremonial occasions.

**PROVIDED THAT MAJORITY MEMBERS DO NOT
DISCUSS BUSINESS AMONG THEMSELVES**



CAUTION: SERIAL MEETINGS

- A serial meeting is typically a series of communications (face-to-face/telephone/e-mail), each of which involves less than a quorum of the body, but which taken as a whole involves a majority of the body's members

EXAMPLE

