

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE BROWN ACT FOR
CERTAIN CITY CREATED ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEES**

WHEREAS, in 1953 the Ralph M. Brown Act (the Brown act), the State of California's open meeting law, was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos City Council conducts its business adhering to the provisions of the Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to open and transparent government operations; and

WHEREAS, in January 2015 the City Council adopted a "POLICY OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS REGARDING OPENNESS IN CITY GOVERNMENT"; and

WHEREAS, said policy states that "All meetings of City policy bodies (City Council, Commissions, and Committees) shall be open and public, and governed by the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Sections 54950 et. seq.). The Brown Act serves as a floor, not a ceiling, for transparency and openness. Policies are provided here that go beyond the minimum requirements of law to instill public confidence and increase transparency"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopts this Resolution to require certain advisory subcommittees and/or ad hoc committees of the City to be more open and accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

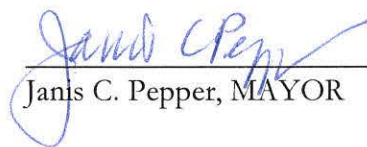
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City requires that all advisory subcommittees and/or ad hoc committees created by the City Council or any City Commission will comply with the Brown Act as follows:

1. City advisory subcommittees and/or ad hoc committees created by the City Council or a City Commission that are composed solely of less than a quorum of the body will continue to be ad hoc in nature and shall not be subject to the Brown Act.
2. Certain City advisory subcommittees and/or ad hoc committees created by the City Council or a City Commission and/or other legislative bodies that are composed of less than a quorum of the body and have members of other City Commissions and/or members of the public on the committee shall comply with the Brown Act meeting requirements.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 12th day of May, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: BRUINS, MORDO, PEPPER, PROCHNOW, SATTERLEE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE



Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR

Attest:



Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK