



NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 5:00 P.M.

Council Chamber – City Hall – 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA

Under the Brown Act, public comment for matters on the agenda must relate to that agenda item and public comments for matters not on the agenda must relate to the subject matter jurisdiction of this legislative body. This is a warning that if a member of the public attending this meeting remotely or in-person violates the Brown Act by failing to comply with these requirements of the Brown Act, then the Mayor or Chair may request that speaker be muted. If a member of the public attending this meeting in-person engages in disruptive behavior that disturbs the orderly conduct of the meeting, they may be removed from the meeting after a warning, pursuant to Council Policy 000-17.

PACIFIC GROVE MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN PERSON AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIRTUALLY.

**PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING WILL PROCEED AS NORMAL EVEN IF THERE ARE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES ACCESSING ZOOM.
THE CITY WILL DO ITS BEST TO RESOLVE ANY TECHNICAL ISSUES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.**

Join the Zoom Meeting to participate live at:

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

Comments from the public will not receive Council action. Comments must deal with matters on the Closed Session agenda and will be limited to three minutes.

1. Written Public Comment

- A. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code § 54956.8)
Property: Sloat Avenue between Eardley Avenue and Dewey Avenue
Agency Negotiator(s): Matthew Mogensen, City Manager
Negotiating Party(ies): (Comstock)
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)
Number of Cases: One (Arising out of letter received from LULAC on August 23, 2024, attached.)
Reference: Brian Pierik, City Attorney
Recommended Action: Receive report.
CEQA: Does not constitute a Project per California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378

ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Brian Pierik, City Attorney
MEETING DATE: September 04, 2024
SUBJECT: Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)
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RECOMMENDATION

Receive report.

Attachments

LULAC District 12 Letter



LULAC District 12
Aidee Farias, District Director
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CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

Dear City Council of Pacific Grove,

On behalf of LULAC District 12, I, Aidee Farias, District Director, formally request that the City of Pacific Grove transition from at-large to district-based elections to comply with the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA).

The CVRA prohibits at-large election systems that impair protected classes' ability to elect preferred candidates or influence election outcomes. We believe Pacific Grove's current system dilutes minority voting strength, potentially violating the CVRA.

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010, we request that within 45 days, the City Council adopt a resolution outlining its intent to transition to district-based elections. The City then has 90 days to hold public hearings and adopt an ordinance establishing districts.

This transition would align Pacific Grove with positive statewide trends, as numerous cities and school districts have already adopted district elections. Recently, neighboring cities like Soledad, Gonzales, Greenfield, and Monterey have taken steps in this direction.

We urge Pacific Grove to act proactively to avoid potential litigation, which has proven costly for other municipalities. Transitioning voluntarily allows the City to maintain control over the districting process and engage the community meaningfully.

We look forward to your timely response and cooperation in this matter. Please provide a timeline for the transition process and outline the steps the City will take to implement district-based elections.

Sincerely,

Aidee Farias
LULAC District 12 Director