

**RESOLUTION NO. 2949-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR  
AFFIRMING THE POLICY OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR TO CONTINUE TO  
COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
RALPH M. BROWN ACT INCLUDING THE PROVISIONS SUSPENDED BY  
ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1464**

**WHEREAS**, the Ralph M. Brown Act (hereinafter, "the Brown Act", (Gov. Code Secs. 54950, et seq.)) was originally enacted in 1953 to safeguard the public's right to access and participate in government meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, in enacting the Brown Act, the California Legislature expressly found and declared that, "the public commissions, boards, and councils and other public agencies in this State exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly."; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Brown Act, the Town Council of the Town of Windsor has a continuing duty to ensure meaningful public access to local government decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, California Assembly Bill 1464, which was signed into law on June 27, 20 12, contains a schedule of state mandates which suspended during the 20 12-20 1 3 budget year and it appears that the suspension extends to various provisions of the Brown Act as follows:

1. Preparation and posting of meeting agendas at least 72 hours in advance;
2. Inclusion in the agenda of brief general descriptions of closed session items;
3. Disclosure of each item to be discussed in closed session in an open meeting prior to closed session;
4. Reports in open session before adjournment on any actions and votes taken in closed session;
5. Provision of certain closed session documents to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that noncompliance with the above described Brown Act provisions would only serve to diminish governmental transparency and erode the public trust.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** notwithstanding the suspension of state mandates affecting certain provisions of the Brown Act, the Town Council of the Town of Windsor and all committees and commissions created and appointed by the Town Council that are required to be Brown Act compliant, shall continue to comply with all requirements of the Brown Act.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ALLEN, GOBLE, SALMON, SCHOLAR AND  
MAYOR FUDGE  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

  
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DEBORA FUDGE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK