

SALINAS CITY CENTER IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, August 15th, 2025 at 10:00am

Makerspace Room @ United Way Monterey County

232 Monterey St, Salinas, CA 93901

Agenda

Call to Order/Roll Call

Public Comment (2 Minutes)

Action Items

- I. Consideration of Unconditional Commitment to Cease, Desist and Not Repeat Prior Conduct pursuant to Government Code Section 54960.2(c)."

- Public Comment
- Board Questions/Discussion/Deliberation
- Action by Board

Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 11th 2025, at 10am at Makerspace Room @ United Way Monterey County, 232 Monterey Street, Salinas, California 93901.

Notes: Requests for a disability related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to attend or participate in a meeting should be made to the District Administrator during regular business hours at (831) 877-0997. Notification received 48 hours before the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable accommodations.

The complete Board packet including subsequently distributed materials and presentations is available at the Association Office, 10b Midtown Ln, Salinas, CA 93901. All items appearing on the agenda are subject to action by the Board. Staff and Committee recommendations are subject to change by the Board.

Greg Hamer

From: Andrew Sandoval <joseandrewsandoval@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 8:34 PM
To: Greg Hamer
Cc: Audrey Wardwell; matt.ottone@ottoneleach.com
Subject: Cease and Desist Demand – Brown Act Violation: Discussion of Non-Agendized Items

Salinas City Center Improvement Association
Attn: Board of Directors

Dear Board of Directors,

I am writing to formally demand that the Salinas City Center Improvement Association (SCCIA) cease and desist from further violations of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54950 et seq.), specifically the requirement that only properly agendized items may be discussed during public meetings.

Summary of Violation

During a recent SCCIA Board meeting, board members engaged in detailed discussions of the following subjects, none of which appeared on the posted agenda:

- Whether the SCCIA is subject to the Brown Act,
 - Whether board members are required to file Form 700 Statements of Economic Interests,
- and
- A recent FPPC complaint and letter involving board members Audrey Wardwell and Manager Greg Hamer.

Under Gov. Code § 54954.2(a)(2):

“No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda...” except in limited emergency or urgency circumstances, which do not apply here.

Even if no vote occurred, deliberation alone constitutes a Brown Act violation if the topic was not listed on the agenda with a brief general description.

Legal Requirements

Per Gov. Code § 54954.2(a)(1), agendas must:

- Be posted at least 72 hours before a regular meeting, and
- Include a brief general description of each item to be discussed or acted upon.

Your July agenda described an item as:

“Vote Updated Bylaws – Provide comments in May BoD meeting.”

This did not inform the public that the board would be:

- Debating the organization’s legal obligations under the Brown Act,

- Discussing personal FPPC complaints, or
- Questioning the applicability of Form 700 requirements.

This deprived the public of their statutory right to be informed and participate meaningfully.

Demand for Compliance

I respectfully demand that SCCIA immediately:

1. Cease and desist from discussing any non-agendized items at future meetings;
2. Ensure that all items to be discussed are clearly and specifically listed on meeting agendas, including legal obligations or board member compliance matters;
3. Provide public training or written assurance to all board members regarding Brown Act compliance.

Notice

If these violations continue, I reserve the right to pursue legal action under Gov. Code § 54960, including seeking injunctive relief and attorney's fees. I may also refer repeated violations to the Monterey County District Attorney or request a Civil Grand Jury investigation.

I request written confirmation within 30 days of receipt that this matter has been addressed and steps taken to ensure future compliance.

Sincerely,
Andrew Sandoval
