

## STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Type:** Finance & Administration Committee/Board of Directors

Title: Legal Review of the Brown Act, Public Records Act and Applicable Campaign

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From: Molly MacLean, General Counsel

**Through:** Ben Horenstein, General Manager

Meeting Date: March 28, 2024

TYPE OF ACTION: Action X Information Review and Refer

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive a legal review of the Brown Act, Public Records Act and applicable campaign laws from the General Counsel's Office

**DISCUSSION:** As a local public agency under California law, the District and its officers are required to operate pursuant to certain legal requirements. The Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) is California's open meetings law and seeks to provide public access to meetings and the legislative body's decision-making processes. The California Public Records Act seeks to preserve the public's access to records and promote transparency. Various state laws govern local public official campaigns. The General Counsel's Office will review key points and recent developments within each of these areas for the Board and the public.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Not Applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Not Applicable.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.