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### **City Council votes to improve better access to information for public meetings**

The Fresno City Council recently unanimously approved an ordinance that improves the assurance that the public will be better informed of City boards and commissions meetings that are covered by the Ralph M. Brown Act, as well as legal notices. This will ensure there is a centralized location for the public to review such postings.

The adoption of adding Sections 2-803 and 2-603 to the Fresno Municipal Code helps to enhance openness by ensuring that citizens will have access to needed agenda items, minutes, and staff reports in advance of a board or commission meeting so that they can help inform the process or better understand the process and its desired outcomes.

Through the California Open Meeting Law, the "Brown Act", the public can better observe the inner workings of their government.

In addition, a number of legal postings are required by local, state, or federal regulations to ensure early notification of a pending legislative action, availability of funds, or review of certain policy documents. Those legal postings are traditionally done in print media. However, not everyone subscribes to print publications or has access to it. With this adoption, the City has given the public another access point for such important information.

Other than the City Clerk's website, agendas for all "Brown Act" boards and commissions meetings will be posted and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in physical format in accordance with the law.

In working with the City Clerk and the City Attorney, as well as the administration, a new secured glass kiosk has been ordered and will be installed.

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