

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4516

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO OPEN GOVERNMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.

WHEREAS, the State of California faces historic budget deficits requiring deep cuts in public programs and services; and

WHEREAS, State budget cuts also include cuts in funding for state-mandated programs carried out by local governments; and

WHEREAS, the State has suspended certain mandated programs in an effort to cut millions of dollars more from California's fiscal 2012-2013 budget; and

WHEREAS, a number of these suspensions relieve local governments of the strict legal requirement to carry out previously mandated programs, including certain public noticing provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (the Brown Act), California's open meeting law; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, found at California Government Code section 54950, et seq., requires open and publicized meetings of government and advisory bodies in local government, and allows members of the public to be present and to address the body on issues relevant to the body's authority; and

WHEREAS the City Council has long recognized the critical importance of providing open and transparent government by timely noticing public meetings and adhering to open government laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Perris, that the Council, its appointed Committees, City Boards and Commissions, and other City government entities that are currently required to comply with the Brown Act are directed to continue to so, regardless of the suspension of related mandates by the State of California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council reaffirms its commitment to maintain compliance with the Brown Act to ensure the actions of City government are open and transparent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City's voluntary compliance with the suspended provisions of the Brown Act shall not be construed to grant any rights or remedies related to any claim of non-compliance with suspended provisions of the Brown Act.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and **APPROVED** this 28th day of August, 2012.

Mayor, Daryl R. Busch

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Judy L. Haughney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Judy L. Haughney, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number 4516 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting held the 28th day of August, 2012, by the following called vote:

AYES: YARBROUGH, LANDERS, ROGERS, BUSCH

NOES:

ABSENT: EVANS

ABSTAIN:

City Clerk, Judy L. Haughney