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# Joint Meeting with Board and Commission Chairs and Vice Chairs

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# Joint Board and Commission Meeting

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-  **Current Telepresence Meetings**
-  **Future Board and Commission Meetings**
-  **Social Media and the Brown Act – AB-992**
-  **Open Discussion**

# Current Telepresence Meetings

- What is going well?
- Suggestions for improvement



# Future Board and Commission Meetings

Post COVID-19 and Executive Order N-29-20 | In-Person

## Brown Act Limitations

- Address of Remote Locations Included on Agendas
- Agenda Posting at Remote Locations
- Public Participation at all Remote Locations

## Staffing and Resource Limitations

- Telepresence Meetings Require More Staff Resources
- Hybrid Meetings Require Unfunded Broadcasting Staff
- Hybrid Meetings Only in Council Chambers

# Social Media and the Brown Act

## Assembly Bill 992: Open meetings and social media

- Modifies Government Code [Section 54952.2](#)
- Defines “discuss among themselves” via Social Media
  - ◆ Commenting on, reacting to or sharing posts
  - ◆ Examples: liking, emojis, GIFs, retweeting, etc.
- Does not prohibit:
  - ◆ Answering questions from the public
  - ◆ Providing information to the public
  - ◆ Gathering information from the public

(1) California Legislative Bill Information: [AB-992 Open meetings: local agencies: social media.](#)

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## Assembly Bill 992: Additional Information & Legal Alerts

California Legislative Bill Information

[AB-992 Open meetings: local agencies: social media.](#)

Best, Best & Krieger, LLC

[AB 992: Open Meeting Laws and Social Media](#)

Hanson Bridgett

[The Brown Act Finally Meets Social Media](#)



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# Open Discussion