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## INFORMATIONAL HEARING

### MEETING THE MOMENT: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY VOICES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

1021 O Street, Room 2200  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025

#### AGENDA

- 1. Opening comments by Committee Chair**
- 2. Starting line: Outline of the Brown Act, recent major legislation, and what makes effective public meetings**
  - Mark Numainville, City Clerk, City of Berkeley
  - Dr. Dominika Bukalova, Assistant Professor, School of Public Affairs, San Diego State University
- 3. Learning from experience: How Los Angeles communicated with community throughout the fires**
  - Jennifer Delwood, Deputy Chief of Staff, Mayor Karen Bass, City of Los Angeles
  - Brandon Lamar, President, Pasadena NAACP

#### **4. Local agency perspectives: What works well and what challenges do local agencies face?**

- Anne Cottrell, Supervisor, Napa County
- Jaime Patiño, City Council Member, Union City
- Ryan Clausnitzer, General Manager, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District
- Esther Mejia, Board Member, El Rancho Unified School District

#### **5. Digging Deeper: Identifying strategies to improve public meetings for local governments and the public**

- Angélica Salceda, Director, Democracy and Civic Engagement Program, ACLU
- Eric Harris, Associate Executive Director of External Affairs, Disability Rights California
- Arturo Carmona, President, Latino Media Collaborative
- Steve Lipson, California Senior Legislature Senior Senator
- Jacob Wasserman, Secretary, North Westwood Neighborhood Council

#### **6. Public comment: 2 minutes per speaker**

#### **7. Adjournment**