



City of San José

City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Agenda

Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee and Committee of the Whole

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Wednesday, September 10, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

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A. City Council (City Clerk)

1. Review Final Agenda

[ROGC](#)
[25-272](#)

Review September 16, 2025 Final Agenda.

- a. Add New Items to Final Agenda
- b. Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)
- c. Review of Notice of Waiver Requirements for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)

Attachments [Agenda](#)
[Add Sheet](#)

2. Review Draft Agenda

[ROGC](#)
[25-273](#)

Review September 23, 2025 Draft Agenda.

- a. Add New Items to Draft Agenda
- b. Assign "Time Certain" to Agenda Items (if needed)
- c. Review of Notice of Waiver Requirements for Agenda Items or Documents (if needed)

Attachments [Agenda](#)

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B. Consent Calendar

1. [ROGC](#)
[25-274](#) Monthly Report of Activities for August 2025. (City Auditor)

Recommendation: Approve the Auditor's Office Monthly Report of Activities for the month of August 2025.

Attachments [Memorandum](#)

2. [ROGC](#)
[25-275](#) Update to the August – December 2025 Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee Work Plan. (City Auditor)

Recommendation: Approve an amendment to the August – December 2025 Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support (PSFSS) Committee Work Plan to add the following item to the December 4, 2025, PSFSS Committee meeting.

Fire Department Inventory Controls over Controlled Substances Audit Report.

Purpose: Provide a report on the audit of the Fire Department's Inventory Controls over Controlled Substances. (City Auditor)

Attachments [Memorandum](#)

END OF CONSENT

C. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

1. [ROGC](#)
[25-281](#) Enhanced Street Closure Noticing Policy. (Doan, Casey, Kamei, and Tordillos)

Recommendation: Direct the City Manager to return to the Community and Economic Development Committee (CED) within six months with recommendations to improve the special event process, especially along highly congested roadways and in heavily populated areas of our city, by reviewing existing guidelines and developing recommendations in the following areas:

1. Improving the effectiveness of noticing requirements including, but not limited to, direct, multilingual outreach to residents and businesses, use of physical mailers or flyers, and coordination with businesses.
2. Improving strategies to improve operational efficiency and minimize negative impacts on traffic flow, residents, and businesses during and after street closures.
3. Providing any additional recommendations to enhance events.

Attachments [Memorandum from Doan, Casey, Kamei, and Tordillos](#)

2. [ROGC](#)
[25-282](#) Ordinance Prohibiting Law Enforcement Officers from Concealing their Identities in the City of San José. (Ortiz, Kamei, Cohen, and Campos)

Recommendation:

Direct the City Attorney's Office to return within 60 days with proposed language for a draft ordinance that would:

1. Prohibit Concealment of Identity

Prohibit all law enforcement officers, including federal agents operating within the City of San José, from wearing any mask or personal disguise while interacting with the public in the course of their duties within the city.

Appropriate, pre-approved exemptions would apply, including the use of gas masks, fire/smoke protection masks, or medical grade masks, when necessary, as well as exemptions for lawful undercover law enforcement operations and operations predefined by the Chief of Police.

2. Require Visible Identification

All law enforcement officers, including federal agents operating within the City of San José, must wear visible identification and clear agency affiliation while interacting with the public during their duties within the city.

3. Information Sharing

SJPD will report to the City Manager's Office any instance where Police Department Officers respond to an incident involving a federal agency conducting immigration enforcement activity in the city.

The City Manager's Office will share the reports to the Council Offices and will then partner with the council offices to share them with a cross-sector community leadership group. Before undertaking operations that are reasonably likely to involve agency personnel wearing facial coverings, require federal law enforcement agencies to provide advance notice to the San José Police Department.

4. Use CIPC Ordinance as Guiding Framework

The City Attorney's Office shall use the ordinance template prepared by the California Immigrant Policy Center (Attachment) regarding law enforcement officer identification and prohibition of face coverings as a guiding framework when developing the proposed draft ordinance for the City of San José.

Attachments [Memorandum from Ortiz, Kamei, Cohen, and Campos](#)
[Letter from Assemblymember Ash Kalra](#)
[Letters from the Public \(1 of 3\)](#)
[Letters from the Public \(2 of 3\)](#)
[Letters from the Public \(3 of 3\)](#)
[Documents Received Post Meeting](#)

D. Open Forum

Members of the Public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.

E. Adjournment

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