



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

Committee Members

David Cohen, Chair

Rosemary Kamei, Vice Chair

Pam Foley, Member

Bien Doan, Member

Domingo Candelas, Member

Committee Staff

Lee Wilcox, Assistant City Manager

Joy Rodriguez, Assistant City Clerk

Kevin Fisher, Assistant City Attorney

Rachelle Blattman, City Manager's Office

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

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A. City Council (City Clerk)

1. Review Final Agenda

[ROGC
25-321](#)

Review October 21, 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 for October 21, 2025 \(to be updated on 10/15/25\)](#)

2. Review Draft Agenda

[ROGC
25-322](#)

Review October 28, 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)

Agenda to be posted on the day of the meeting.

Notice to the public: There will be no separate discussion of individual Consent Calendar items as they are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the Committee requests debate, separate vote or recusal on a particular item, that item may be removed from the Consent Calendar by the Chair and considered separately. The public may comment on the entire Consent Calendar and any items removed from the Consent Calendar by the Chair.

B. Consent Calendar

- 1. [ROGC
25-320](#) The Public Record for October 2, 2025 - October 9, 2025. (City Clerk)

Recommendation: Receive and file the Public Record for October 2, 2025 - October 9, 2025.

Attachments [The Public Record](#)

2. [ROGC](#) Update to the August - December 2025 Neighborhood Services and
[25-323](#) Education Committee Work Plan. (City Manager)

Recommendation: Approve an amendment to the August - December 2025 Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Work Plan to drop the following item scheduled for the October 9, 2025 Committee meeting.

Coordination of Homelessness Activities Audit Report.

Purpose: Provide an audit report on the coordination of homelessness activities. (City Auditor)

Attachments [Memorandum](#)

3. [ROGC](#) Approval of Brazilian Flag Raising, Event, and Lighting Sponsored by
[25-324](#) Council District 5 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Ortiz)

Recommendation: 1. Approve the Brazilian Flag Raising Event on October 17, 2025, as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.

2. Approve the Brazilian Flag Raising Tower Lighting from October 21 - 23, 2025, as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.

3. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.

4. Place the item on the October 21, 2025 Council Agenda for action.

Attachments [Memorandum from Ortiz](#)

END OF CONSENT

C. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

1. [ROGC
25-327](#) City Attorney Appointment and Compensation Package. (Mayor)

Recommendation:

1. Adopt a resolution appointing Susana Alcala Wood as City Attorney effective November 9, 2025 and approving compensation and benefits for services as City Attorney consistent with the following terms in this memo.

Salary: The starting pensionable salary will be \$371,500 annually. In addition to the starting pensionable salary, the City Attorney will receive an approximate five percent (5%) ongoing non-pensionable pay for a total annual salary of approximately \$390,000.

Executive Management Benefits: As executive management, the City Attorney will receive the benefits that are included in the Executive Management and Professional Employees (Unit 99) Benefit and Compensation Summary. Further information may be found at the Unit 99 Compensation Summary link. The City Attorney will also receive a \$350 monthly automobile allowance in accordance with the current City policy.

Vacation and Executive Leave: The City will recognize Mrs. Alcala Wood's combined 15+ years of public service with the City of Sacramento, City of Modesto, and City of Stockton, and her vacation accrual rate will be 200 hours per year. For the 2025 calendar year, the City Attorney will receive 16 hours of Executive Leave. Vacation accrual and executive leave will be provided in accordance with the Executive Management and Professional Employees Benefit and Compensation Summary.

Severance: The City will offer severance pay equal to three months of salary for any involuntary removal as City Attorney which results in termination of employment with the City, in exchange for the City Attorney's execution of a Release of Claims.

Outside Employment: The City Attorney will not engage in outside employment without City Council approval.

Separation Notice: The City Attorney will provide a 30-day notice to the City of a voluntary resignation of employment.

2. Place the item on the October 21, 2025 City Council Agenda for action.

Attachments [Memorandum from Mayor](#)

2. [ROGC](#) Resolution of Support on State Proposition 50. (Candelas, Cohen,
[25-325](#) Ortiz, Campos, Tordillos)

Recommendation: Direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution of support on behalf of the San Jose City Council for State Proposition 50 (The Election Rigging Response Act).

Attachments [Memorandum from Candelas, Cohen, Ortiz, Campos, and Tordill](#)

3. [ROGC](#) Resolution of Support on Santa Clara County Measure A. (Candelas,
[25-326](#) Cohen, Ortiz, Campos)

Recommendation: Direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution of support on behalf of the San Jose City Council for Santa Clara County Measure A.

Attachments [Memorandum from Candelas, Cohen, Ortiz, and Campos](#)

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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