



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, March 18, 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

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A. City Council (City Clerk)

1. Review Final Agenda

[ROGC
26-100](#)

Review March 24, 2026 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
26-101](#)

Review March 31, 2026 Draft Agenda. - Cancelled.

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
26-102](#) The Public Record for March 5, 2026 - March 12, 2026. (City Clerk)

Recommendation: Receive and file the Public Record for March 5, 2026 - March 12, 2026.

Attachments [The Public Record](#)

2. [ROGC
26-110](#) Deferred Maintenance and Infrastructure Backlog Study Session. (Public Works/City Manager)

Recommendation: Set a City Council Study Session entitled Deferred Maintenance and Infrastructure Backlog for Monday, April 13, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers and approve the Study Session agenda.

Attachments [Memorandum](#)

3. [ROGC
26-111](#) From Ideation to Occupancy: A Guide to Building in San José, Permitting, Timelines, and Coordination Study Session. (Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement)

Recommendation: Set a City Council Study Session entitled From Ideation to Occupancy: A Guide to Building in San José, Permitting, Timelines, and Coordination for Monday, April 20, 2026, from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers and approve the Study Session agenda.

Attachments [Memorandum](#)

4. [ROGC
26-103](#) Approval of the Music in the Valley Festival Sponsored by Council District 9 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Foley)

Recommendation:

1. Approve the Music in the Valley Festival scheduled on May 2, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
3. Place the item on the March 24, 2026 City Council Agenda for action.

Attachments [Memorandum from Foley](#)

5. [ROGC
26-104](#) Retroactive Approval of the Bay FC Tower and Rotunda Lighting Sponsored by Council District 2 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event. (Campos)

Recommendation:

1. Retroactively approve the Bay FC Tower and Rotunda Lighting scheduled on March 9-14, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
3. Place the item on the March 24, 2026 City Council Agenda for action.

Attachments [Memorandum from Campos](#)

C. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals

1. [ROGC
26-112](#) Al Fresco 2.0. (Ortiz, Tordillos, Kamei, Cohen, and Mulcahy)

Recommendation:

1. Direct the City Manager's Office to:
 - a. Explore permanently re-establishing the Al Fresco outdoor dining program in the City of San José, for supporting economic development and small businesses in designated growth areas, including Greater Downtown San José, Urban Villages, and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs).
 - i. Evaluate opportunities to modernize and expand the program beyond basic table-and-chair setups by establishing a clear, predictable permitting pathway for more complex outdoor dining configurations: such as patios, railings, pergolas, and semi-permanent structures, while maintaining a low-barrier, by-right process for simpler installations, and review best practices from peer cities, including San Francisco's Shared Spaces Manual, to inform the development of clear design standards and streamlined administrative processes.
 - b. Designate Public Works staff to serve as a coordinator for Al Fresco and outdoor dining applications, responsible for facilitating interdepartmental review and ensuring timely coordination among Public Works, Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement, Fire, Transportation, and any other relevant departments, to reduce duplicative review, minimize delays, and provide applicants with an understandable and consistent permitting pathway.

Attachments [Memorandum from Ortiz, Tordillos, Kamei, Cohen, and Mulcahy](#)

2. [ROGC
26-113](#) Request to Add a Resolution on Higher Education to the City Council Meeting Agenda of March 24, 2026. (Kamei and Cohen)

Recommendation:

1. Consider a Draft Resolution of the City Council of the City of San José Declaring its Commitment to Opposing the Coercion of Colleges and Universities.
2. Add the Draft Resolution of the City Council of the City of San José to the City Council Agenda for its regular meeting of March 24, 2026.
3. Authorize the City Attorney's Office to make such formatting and non-substantive changes and additions to the said Draft Resolution as it deems appropriate or necessary.

Attachments [Memorandum from Kamei and Cohen](#)

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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