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Re: Resolution No. 2023-41 and the Ralph M. Brown Act

Dear Mr. Loy & Peter Eliasberg:

Thank you for your letter of November 13, 2023, wherein you requested that the City's new Library Children's Books Review Committee be governed by the Brown Act. Rest assured, within days of the City Council voting for the new City policy creating the Library Children's Books Review Committee, I advised City leadership, including City Council, that the new Library Children's Books Review Committee will be subject to the Brown Act. I believe this addresses all of the points raised by your letter.

Thank you and let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Michael E. Gates City Attorney

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cc: Eric Parra, Interim City Manager

City Council