

Resolution No. 25-07
of the
San Mateo County Harbor District
To Adopt the
**SAN MATEO COUNTY HARBOR DISTRICT POLICY 3.2 AS REVISED, TO
PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Whereas, the State of California enacted Government Code, Chapter 9, Sections 54950-54963 to regulate the conduct of the meetings of local agencies; and

Whereas, the California Legislature found and declared that “public commissions, boards and councils and the other public agencies in this State exist to aid in the conduct of the people’s business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly.” (Government Code §54950); and

Whereas, the San Mateo County Harbor District (the “District”) is committed to transparency and encouraging public participation in all activities the District performs, and ensuring compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act; and

Whereas, the public or other interested parties are invited to attend and make public comment at all public meetings of the legislative body, and

Whereas, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District began using remote meeting services to conduct San Mateo Harbor Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) and Advisory Body meetings and continue to allow public participation during a time when in-person meetings were either prohibited by health regulations or impractical due to social distancing requirements; and

Whereas, in response to the practice known as “zoom-bombing,” whereby typically anonymous individuals use the remote public comment period to voice anti-Semitic, racist, or otherwise inflammatory opinions and comments, the Board prohibited remote public comments to allow for an effective environment for the Board and its Advisory Bodies to conduct their business; and

Whereas, the Board finds that in-person comments similar in nature to “zoom-bombing” also disrupt Board and Advisory Body meetings and inhibit the ability of the Board and its Advisory Bodies to effectively conduct District business; and

Whereas, the Board finds that a policy governing both remote and in-person public comment and disruptive speech at public meetings is necessary to allow for an effective environment for the Board and its Advisory Bodies to conduct their business.

Now, Therefore, the San Mateo County Harbor District Board of Commissioners hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are adopted as findings in support of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Board of Commissioners of the San Mateo County Harbor District hereby adopts the revised Policy 3.2, "Brown Act Compliance Public Meetings," attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

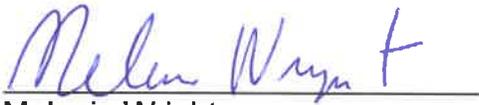
SECTION 3. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 2025 at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners by a recorded vote as follows:

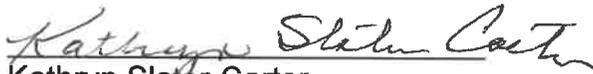
For:	Slater-Carter, Domurat, Zemke, Mattusch, Chang Kiraly
Against:	None
Absent:	None
Abstention:	None

Attested

BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS



Melanie Wright
Deputy Secretary



Kathryn Slater-Carter
Board President