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## NOTICE OF MEETING

On **Thursday, May 28, 2015**, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct an advisory committee meeting on the Ralph M. Brown Act. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Legislative Counsel Conference Room on the lower level of 925 L Street in Sacramento.

The discussion will explore issues that local elected officials in California encounter and perceive regarding compliance with the Brown Act, California's open meeting act for local and regional governments, school districts and special districts. In particular, discussion will focus on the ability of elected officials to have discussions with one another outside public meetings about policy issues related to their work – without attempting to reach consensus on upcoming votes.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting. The Commission also encourages written comments. Members of the public can also access the meeting at 200 N. Spring St., #415, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's website, [www.lhc.ca.gov](http://www.lhc.ca.gov). If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Commission Executive Director Carole D'Elia at (916) 445-2125 or [littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov](mailto:littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov) by Thursday, May 21, 2015.



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## **AGENDA**

### **Advisory Committee Meeting on the Ralph M. Brown Act**

**Thursday, May 28, 2015**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Legislative Counsel Conference Room  
Lower Level**

**925 L Street, Sacramento**

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### **Meeting Goals:**

To discuss and understand issues that local elected officials encounter and perceive regarding compliance with the Brown Act, particularly regarding their ability to have discussions with one another outside public meetings about policy issues related to their work – without attempting to reach consensus on upcoming votes.

**1:00 – 1:10 p.m. Welcome and Introduction:** Subcommittee Chair David Schwarz and Executive Director Carole D'Elia.

**1:10 – 1:30 p.m. Brown Act Constraints on Elected Officials**

**1:30 – 2:00 p.m. Impacts on Information Gathering and Decision-Making**

**2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Potential Solutions**