

Additionally, they have provided a map of available parking as per LAUSD's Environmental Impact Report (Exhibit No. 2). The Dominguez Area Property Owners request that an *ad hoc* committee be created to address issues of concern directly with LAUSD, and that this committee be comprised of residents whose children will be attending the school and residents that live in the Dominguez area.

The Brown Act, generally known as California's "open meeting" law, applies to all local legislative bodies, including the Carson City Council. However, any board, commission, committee or other body of a local agency created by charter, ordinance, resolution or formal action of a legislative body is itself a legislative body. (Gov. Code § 54952(b).) Generally, this is the case regardless of whether the body is permanent or *ad hoc*, advisory or decision making.

An exception exists for an "advisory committees" which are comprised *solely* of less than a quorum of the members of the legislative body that created the advisory body. (Gov. Code § 54952(b).) This exception does not apply if the "advisory committee" is a standing committee. (Gov. Code § 54952(b).) A standing committee is a committee which has continuing jurisdiction over a particular subject matter (*e.g.*, budget, finance, legislation) or if the committee's meeting schedule is fixed by charter, ordinance, resolution or "other formal action" of the legislative body that created it.

The term "formal action of a legislative body" can be broadly construed, but should be distinguished from any action taken by an individual city councilmember. For example, in *Joiner v. City of Sebastopol* (1981) 125 Cal.App.3d 799, 805, the court concluded that the city council had taken formal action by designating two of its members to sit on an advisory committee and establish the committee's agenda, even though the council did not act by formal resolution.

Similarly, in *Frazer v. Dixon Unified School District* (1993) 18 Cal.App.4th 781, 792-793, the court indicated that a school board's authorization to the superintendent to appoint a committee under specified circumstances constituted a creation of an advisory committee by formal action of the board. "Formal action of a legislative body" is not limited to a formal resolution or a formal vote by the body.

When a legislative body designates less than a quorum of its members that does not constitute a standing committee to meet with representatives of another legislative body to exchange information and report back to their respective