

Resolution No.

# STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

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## RESOLUTION WAIVING ANY APPLICABLE PRIVILEGES FOR ANY CONFIDENTIAL BROWN ACT INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS

Attorney-Client Privilege is codified under state law at Evidence Code section 954; and

This privilege ensures that clients receive accurate and competent legal advice by encouraging full disclosure to their attorney without fear that information will be revealed to others; and

The City Council, as the holder of the privilege, has the authority to waive the privilege; and

The Brown Act takes a strong stance in favor of open meetings but carves out important exceptions expressly authorized under the Brown Act; and

Closed session conversations amongst the Council ensure full and frank discussion on often sensitive topics; and

The Brown Act allows the City Council to waive the privilege (Gov. Code § 54963(a)); and

On February 18, 2025, the City Attorney's Office provided a general overview of Attorney Client and Closed Session privileges and sought direction from the Council on the next steps.; and

The City Council directed the City Attorney to work through the process and bring forward an item for discussion and consideration at the March 4, 2025, Council meeting for the waiver of any privileges associated with any investigations into Brown Act Leaks which may have occurred in the last 4 years with the inclusion of appropriate redactions, if any; and.

The City Council was provided with the opportunity to view any Confidential Brown Act Investigations conducted in the last four years in advance of the March 4, 2025, council meeting; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council waives all applicable privileges associated with any investigations into Brown Act Leaks which may have occurred in the last 4 years with the inclusion of appropriate redactions, if any.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED March 4, 2025.

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CHRISTINA FUGAZI  
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

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KATHERINE ROLAND, CMC, CPMC  
City Clerk of the City of Stockton