

**Fw: [EXTERNAL] March 16 Closed Session Item CS-3**

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Dear Ms. Fitzgerald,

I wanted to make sure you saw this letter. I sent it today via email to all of the city councilmembers in advance of the March 16 closed session.

Have a good weekend.

Thank you,  
Donna

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**RE: March 16 Closed Session, Item CS-3**

March 13, 2026

Dear City Council,

It seems fitting that this item is on the agenda during the annual celebration of open government known as Sunshine Week. It's the perfect time to acknowledge that public participation matters and that making decisions in advance of a properly noticed public hearing is not a good thing to do.

Three councilmembers who serve on the five-member Rules Committee held a press conference on January 27, 2026. They announced their agreed-upon position on Balboa Park paid parking in advance of a Rules Committee meeting even though the paid parking issue was on the agenda the very next day.

It was almost surreal to watch because the collective concurrence was done at a press event with cameras rolling and reporters present. After watching it, there was no disbelief to suspend.

Their collective concurrence was a text book case of how *not* to conduct the public's business, even though it happened in public. It was also a text book violation of the Brown Act.

The only ones missing from the press conference meeting were members of the public. They were shut out of the process and nobody seemed to care.

I don't know why the three councilmembers believed this was a good idea. Maybe someone should ask them.

But whatever the reason, their behavior shows why it is critical to require an annual mandatory Brown Act training for the councilmembers and their staff, and to do so at a publicly noticed city council meeting no later than May 19, 2026. Your vote to support annual training would go a long way in showing the public that this council thinks open government matters. It would also help educate the public about the Brown Act.

The actions of the three councilmembers disenfranchised every single person who showed up at the Rules Committee meeting on January 28 to speak on the Balboa Park paid parking ballot measure. The public didn't know that what they had to say didn't matter because a majority of the Rules Committee members had already made up their minds.

I think we all can agree that the public deserves better.

Thank you for your consideration of my reasonable request,  
Donna Frye