



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Oscar Gutierrez (10:39 a.m.), Wendy Santamaria, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney John S. Doimas, Deputy City Clerk Austin J. Taylor.

RECESS

Mayor Rowse recessed to closed session at 10:31 a.m. and stated that a report is anticipated.

CLOSED SESSION

- 1. Subject: Conference with City Attorney -- Anticipated Litigation -- Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(4): Initiation of Litigation on One Matter**

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider initiating litigation pursuant to subsection (d)(4) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code and take appropriate action as needed (one potential case).

Scheduling: Duration, 30 minutes; anytime
Report Out: Anticipated

Document:

- January 13, 2026, report from the City Attorney.

Time:

- 10:32 a.m. – 11:06 a.m.

Report:

- Mayor Rowse reported that the Council met in closed session and, by a unanimous vote, provided direction to initiate litigation. No further reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No one wished to speak.

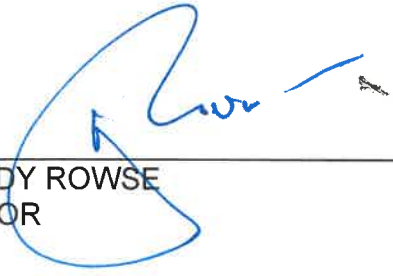
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on February 10, 2026.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER