



# REGULAR MEETING

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# AGENDA

**May 16, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Municipal Advisory Council  
Santa Rosa Valley, California**

**Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School  
13282 Santa Rosa Road  
Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012**

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MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

Welcome to the meeting of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) an advisory council for the unincorporated area of Santa Rosa Valley to Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell.

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**OPENING**

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, March 21, 2024.
5. Agenda Review.
6. Consent Agenda Items 10 through 13.

7. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell’s Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
9. Council Comments – Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate. A Council member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A Council member may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for information, or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The Council may also direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Consent Agenda items are routine and non-controversial. Items are reviewed and approved together by the Council as recommended and without discussion unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Board on the Regular Agenda. Consent items are heard at the Council’s discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.**

#### **10. California Highway Patrol**

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properly fitted bicycle helmets every time they ride – wearing a helmet is the single most effective way to prevent head injury resulting from a crash.

- The California Highway Patrol is hiring 1,000 officers to help make California’s roadways safer. If you or someone you know would like to join the CHP, visit [www.betheCHP1000.com](http://www.betheCHP1000.com) for more information and to speak with a local recruiter. Also, the CHP is hiring more than JUST officers. We are currently looking to fill 165 dispatcher vacancies across the state and are also looking for Commercial Vehicle Inspection Specialists to inspect the growing number of commercial vehicles on California highways. The CHP will provide you with the training for all three of these positions. More details and applications can be found at [www.chp.ca.gov](http://www.chp.ca.gov). **RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE**

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- Graduation for the firefighter trainees of Academy 61 is scheduled for May 24, starting at 1 p.m. at the Regional Training Center 104 Durley Ave. in Camarillo. **RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE**

### **12. Ventura County Sheriff**

- Residential burglaries are still happening throughout the county. We recommend residents use our free Home Security Assessments to address ways to prevent them from becoming a victim of these crimes. I believe you have fliers for this service.
- As the weather gets warmer, thieves are targeting trailheads and breaking into vehicles parked there to steal purses and valuables. Please do not take valuables to the trailhead and/or do not leave them in your vehicles. Even in the backseat or under clothing. Thieves know what to look for and are getting thousands of dollars of merchandise using stolen credit cards. **RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE**

### **13. Public Works Request Update Report – March & April**

For the month of March 2024 there were 2 work requests sent to Public Works using the VCPWA Connect Portal. Both requests were for Road Maintenance Issues. Out of the 2 requests 2 remain open. One request stated that the right turn green light at Moorpark Road and Santa Rosa Valley Road is very short causing traffic to build-up and needs to be reset. The other request was for the street sweeper to sweep the whole road and not just the shoulder.

For the month of April 2024 there was 1 work request sent to Public Works using the VCPWA Connect Portal. The one request was for Road Maintenance for branches that keep falling from a County owned tree. The tree has been determined to be dead and will be removed within 45 days. The request remains open. **RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE**

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### **14. Update on the June 1st Ribbon Cutting for Stepping Stones**

MAC Member Amy Elliot, Deputy Director of Parks, Colter Chisum, and Field Representative Israel Rodriguez will provide an update on the up-and-coming June 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon cutting of the new Stepping Stones facility located at Santa Rosa Valley Park. Colter Chisum will also provide an update on the new bridge connecting Thousand Oaks with Santa Rosa Valley Park. In addition, he will talk about some of the amenities available throughout the Ventura County Park System including campgrounds and golf courses.

### **15. Santa Rosa Valley MAC Legislative Committee Updates**

Training for the Santa Rosa Valley Legislative Committee took place on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The committee had an opportunity to provide suggestions to Supervisor Gorell for the April 23rd Board of Supervisors Meeting. The Committee provided a recommendation to Supervisor Gorell on item 33 of the agenda to ensure that the Public Works Agency and the eventual selected contractor allow an opportunity for the Santa Rosa Valley MAC to participate in the Vision Zero Plan for the County Unincorporated Areas. In addition, discussion took place on agenda items 18-20 concerning Camarillo Airport Improvements and whether funds were available for traffic and noise consideration. The airport

improvement plans are solely for improvements to the airport runways and hangers. Finally, there was discussion on agenda item #6 in support of green school initiatives and seeing if similar grant opportunities could be provided for District 2 schools. **RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE**

**16. Updates to the Resolution & Area Map for the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council & Creation of Municipal Advisory Council Policies**

In an effort to improve operation of MACs countywide, the need for clearly defined roles, responsibilities, processes, and procedures has been made apparent. Accordingly, a new Resolution and Municipal Advisory Councils Policies document has been created to help standardize MAC operations. Both the policies manual and Resolution for Santa Rosa Valley will be covered. **RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE**

**CLOSING**

**17. Adjournment of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, July 18, 2024, Location to be determined due to construction at Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School.**



# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**JEFF GORELL**

Supervisor, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

**ISRAEL RODRIGUEZ**

Field Representative

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## OPENING

1. Call to Order.
  - **Chair, Rosemary Allison** called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM
2. Roll Call.
  - **Members Present: Rosemary Allison, Amy Elliot, Mark Burley, Michael Adams.** All members present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, January 18, 2024.
  - **Motion made by Mark Burley, seconded by Michael Adams.** Motion Passed.
5. Agenda Review- No Changes
6. Consent Agenda Items 10 through 13.
  - No motion made
7. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
  - **Speakers: Jen Price** requested that the Stepping Stones program and schedule of lessons be posted on the board at Santa Rosa Valley Park.
8. Office of Ventura County **Supervisor Jeff Gorell's** Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
  - We are looking for the results from the Point in Time (PIT) count. More than likely looking at an increase in the count.
  - I am looking forward to the Firewise presentation on the agenda for today.
  - The BOS has taken significant actions to combat homelessness. Last Tuesday the Board created 15 new positions including Director of Homelessness Solutions, Director of Housing Solutions, and eight new deputies as part of the homeless liaison team. The County applied for \$2.9 Million in grants that would help provide stable housing for 500 households.
  - Due to the situation and issues from the recent paving project the Board is reassessing road paving standards to create more robust policies in the future.
  - **Mark Burley** asked what benefits will come from the passage of Proposition 1. **Supervisor Gorell** stated we are awaiting a strategic plan

to see how we must shift resources from mental health to homelessness. **Kevin Cannon** asked if the homeless program was the same category as the Family Justice Center. **Supervisor Gorell** stated it was a separate program with some overlap.

- **Rosemary Allison** asked for remediation action for some of the poorly paved streets. **Supervisor Gorell** stated that PWA will continue to sweep the streets and that people should continue to go through the claim process for damages. He would have to go before the Board to ask for remediation, but that would require the approval of three votes from the board. He wants to see if the street sweeping helps solve the issue. **Amy Elliot** would like to see a schedule of when the street sweeping is occurring so we can remove cars from the streets. **Kevin Canon** stated that he has seen the street sweepers twice since that last meeting and that they have been putting out notices. He said his street is looking better.

#### 9. Council Comments –

- **Mark Burley:** Made the announcement that Stepping Stones has started the move over to Santa Rosa Valley Park and people are volunteering with the set-up. He would like to see the schedule posted on the park board as to when she is using the arena. Also, wants to know who is the point person if there is a problem? He assumes it is Mr. Chisum, but he wants to confirm. **Supervisor Gorell** stated Mr. Chisum will be at the next MAC meeting.
- **Michael Adams:** Stated that his street is about 50% better and that he has seen street sweeping occurring. He said there was a 10-hour scheduled maintenance power outage. It would be nice to know what kind of maintenance Edison is conducting, and if it will help reduce the number of outages in the future.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### 10. California Highway Patrol

- CHP Moorpark and the Moorpark Police Department will be hosting an open house event at our station on April 13th. This event will give the public a chance to see our station, checkout our patrol and special enforcement vehicles, and we will be holding a “bike rodeo” for new, young bicycle riders which will include a skills course and a helmet fitting station.
- The CHP Moorpark Area continues to send Special Enforcement Units (SEU) to conduct targeted patrols in Santa Rosa Valley, specifically targeting unsafe driving in the area surrounding Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School. Citations have been issued for unsafe turns, stop sign

violations, unsafe speed, and various parking violations. Targeted patrols help saturate an area where multiple violations are known to be happening at once so multiple violations can be addressed in the area simultaneously.

- Using SEU's, Maximum Enforcement Periods, and daily proactive patrols, The California Highway Patrol has made significant strides in reducing the milage death rate (MDR), which is the number of lives lost in crashes per 100 million vehicle miles driven on California highways, and reducing highway violence, specifically freeway shootings. The MDR dropped from 4,496 lives lost in 2022 to approximately 3000 lives lost in 2023. Additionally, freeway shootings dropped 25% in that same timeframe. We ALL need to do our part to continue this positive downward trend.

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#### **11. Ventura County Fire Department**

- The Ventura County Fire Department is supporting CalTrans and county Public Works as they work to clear debris from roadways closed by mudslides, including Highway 150.
- Fire Marshal Massoud Araghi retired after more than 35 years with the department. VCFD is interviewing finalists to succeed Araghi. Deputy Chief Chad Cook is serving as the interim Fire Marshal until a permanent successor is hired.
- Construction of the new Fire Station 34 in Thousand Oaks is expected to be complete in late June or early July. Construction of two new burn buildings and a ladder prop at VCFD's Regional Training Center is underway. That project is expected to be completed in March of 2025.

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#### **12. Ventura County Sheriff**

- Residential Burglaries are still happening throughout the county. We recommend residents use our free Home Security Assessments to address ways to prevent them from becoming a victim of these crimes.
- Catalytic converter thefts continue to be an issue for residents in Ventura County. We have an "Etch and Catch" program where the vehicle's license plate is etched into the catalytic converters and a bright sheriff star is painted on it. This has become an effective deterrent to thieves that see this under the vehicle. Our Moorpark Sheriff's Department has the locations of body shops that are providing this free service.
- April 13, 11am-2pm, CHP and Moorpark PD are having an open house. We encourage residents to come and say hi and meet with the officers that are serving the Santa Rosa valley and beyond. Flier below.

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13. **Santa Rosa Valley Firewise Committee Minutes**

- Minutes from January 30, 2024, Santa Rosa Valley Firewise Committee are included as an attachment in the agenda packet for this meeting. The report provides insights on specific issues, strategies, and action items for Santa Rosa Valley to become Firewise certified.

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

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14. **Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council 2024 Elections**

- Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) requesting that their General District Election to be held on November 5, 2024, be consolidated with other elections called to be held on the same day and in the same territory.
- Three seats are up for election, the current incumbents in these seats are Rosemary Allison, Kevin Cannon, and Michael Steven Adams.
- Candidate filing period for this election will be July 15<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- For more information on the election, please contact the Ventura County Elections Division.

<https://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections/elections/candidates-campaigns/candidate-filing>.

A motion to accept the resolution calling for elections was made by **Mark Burley** and seconded by **Kevin Canon**. Motion passed.

15. **Firewise Certification Strategy and Process for Santa Rosa Valley**

**Kevin Cannon**, MAC Member and Board Member of Santa Rosa Valley Firewise Committee made a presentation on why SRV should pursue becoming a recognized Firewise community and how to go about becoming certified. The topics included:

- **Why Become a Certified Firewise Community:** Provides a framework for action and education on fire safety. Motivates individuals and neighborhoods. Most of Santa Rosa Valley is in a high fire hazard area and 93% higher than the other communities in the US.
- **What is the Firewise USA Program:** Volunteer resident driven program with neighbors helping neighbors. No regulation or enforcement and is

based on an honor system. Ventura County currently has 8 recognized communities with 15 in development. He reviewed the various organizations that are part of the process including NFPA, CalFire, Residents, VRSC, and VCFD.

- Six Steps Required for Firewise Recognition: Forming a team, assessing wildfire risk, developing an action plan, reporting investment, & vegetation removed, hosting an annual outreach event, applying online for certified recognition.
- Developing a Strategy for SRV Firewise Recognition: The ultimate goal is to get all the communities/neighborhoods (1150 homes) in SRV certified. Developing a strategy starts with assessing risk levels for each of our communities which involves taking an inventory of how many homes have metal, tile, or Class A asphalt or fiberglass shingles and then begin categorizing the risk of each neighborhood. We also need a strategy for tracking the number of hours, activities, and investment dollars made to reduce fire hazards. By using a phased approach, we can reach our end goal.
- Example of Community Firewise Activities: One of the most important activities homeowners can do to prepare for a wildfire is to clear any flammable material that exists within a five-foot perimeter of a home's structure. This includes the removal of brush, trees, and wood fences that are attached to the home and cleaning roofs and gutters of dead leaves, and pine needles that could catch embers. Homeowners can also reduce the threat of fire by installing 1/8" metal mesh that helps keep embers from passing through vents into the attic.
- For detailed information see the Santa Rosa Valley website at:  
[ventura.org/santarosavalley/mac](http://ventura.org/santarosavalley/mac)

## **16. New MAC Meeting Marketing Signage**

**Chief of Staff, Mark Perryman** presented the yard signs to the Mac Members along with the instructions of where and when to place signs to advertise the MAC meeting. The large double-sided signs will help improve awareness and attendance at the MAC meetings. The signs have the location and time as well as a QR code to download the agenda or view a live stream of the meeting. Each MAC member was requested to take custody of two signs, place them 1 week before the meetings and pick them up after the meeting or the next day.

## **CLOSING**

17. Adjournment of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, May 16, 2024, Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School  
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- **Chair, Rosemary Allison** adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.



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To: The Santa Rosa Valley MAC c/o Supervisor Gorell's office

## CHP MOORPARK'S SANTA ROSA VALLEY MAC TALKING POINTS: (5.16.24)

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May 2, 2024

Attn: Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Municipal Advisory Committees

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Sincerely,

Scott Thomsen

Director of Communications and Public Affairs

Ventura County Fire Department





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SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

OFFICE OF JIM FRYHOFF, SHERIFF

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Detective, Moorpark Investigations

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Request Type	Description	Current Status	Totals
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			Total Completed: 0
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# District 2 Cross MAC Legislative Committee Recommendations

**DATE:**

April 22, 2024

**BOS DATE:** April 23, 2024

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**CASA CONEJO MAC**

- Debra Hanna
- David Ayers

**OAK PARK MAC**

- JL Diaz
- Michelle Santucci

**SANTA ROSA VALLEY MAC**

- Rosemary Allison
- Michael Adams

**SOMIS MAC**

- Pat Richardson
- Robert Fulkerson

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Agenda Item #	MAC(s)	Recommendation(s)
#6 (Moment of Inspiration)	Casa Conejo MAC– DH	Agenda has a grant relating to green school initiatives. Encourage similar grant opportunities for District 2 schools. Supports these kinds of programs.
#18-20 (Consent)	Casa Conejo MAC– DH	Camarillo Airport Improvements: Will the improvements increase air traffic, road traffic and noise for our communities? Does the budget for these improvements include money for traffic & noise mitigation...
#27 (Consent)	Somis MAC - PR	\$6M Dollars for farm workers for 400 farm workers. Does any of the money go towards the Somis Farmworkers housing/workers? That accounts for \$15,000 per person. Does Somis benefit this or is going to other districts?
#33 (Consent)	Casa Conejo MAC - DH	Please include the MACs when formulating the plan.
#33 (Consent)	Oak Park MAC	Support this. Traffic at our local schools should be looked at. Should we also reduce speed limits in high traffic areas (e.g. Conifer & Kanan and certain other residential areas). Should we have speed bumps or cross walks?
#33 (Consent)	Somis MAC - PR	Are they talking about safe streets which would include safe routes to schools? If so, can any of that money be spent on safe sidewalks for our school in Somis?
#48 Volunteer Appreciation Week	Santa Rosa Valley MAC	Happy about this! Supports this agenda item.



County of Ventura

Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Policies

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## Introduction

California Government Code 31010 allows the Board of Supervisors to establish a Municipal Advisory Council (“MAC”) for any unincorporated area in the County to advise the Board on matters that relate to the designated MAC area concerning services which are or may be provided to the area by the County or other local governmental agencies, including but not limited to advice on matters of public health, safety, welfare, public works and planning. When established, a MAC is an advisory body of local citizens with the purpose of representing the community to the Board of Supervisors. As an advisory body, a MAC has no fiscal or administrative authority. Nor does a MAC have any final decision-making authority. Because a MAC lacks authority to implement the MAC’s position directly, it must seek to accomplish its goals through County government. As advisory bodies to facilitate input from the community to the Board of Supervisors, MACs hold public meetings, receive community input, survey community opinion, and speak for the community to the Board of Supervisors, when requested by the District Supervisor, on matters under Government Code section 31010, and matters of interest specific to the MAC designated area.

This Policy seeks to establish a framework to manage the County’s Municipal Advisory Councils more effectively across all Supervisorial Districts. While some variances may appropriately reflect the inherent differences in the communities served and the priorities of the District Supervisor, a general framework for the operating rules and procedures of MACs will ensure that MACs are effectively serving their advisory purpose to the Board of Supervisors and are successfully representing the concerns and recommendations of their respective communities.

## Purpose of Municipal Advisory Councils

Ventura County’s MACs advise their representative District Supervisor on matters concerning services which are or may be provided to the MAC area by the County or other local governmental agencies, including but not limited to advice on matters of public health, safety, welfare, public works and planning. MACs do not establish government policy or objective. Rather, MACs provide valuable input and advisement from their community that may help their representative District Supervisor make policy decisions, provide necessary resources, or inform the Board of Supervisors on potential opportunities, risks, or issues that affect their community. MACs should strive to govern and work together in an effective, efficient, ethical, and courteous manner in the highest tradition of public service and in the best interest of the County of Ventura and its residents.

## Applicability of this Municipal Advisory Council Policy Document

Government Code section 31010, subdivision (f) recognizes the ability for the Board of Supervisors to adopt rules, regulations and procedures as may be necessary in connection with the establishment and operation of MACs. Consistent with that authority, this policy document was created with the best intentions to assist the Board of Supervisors and their respective Municipal

Advisory Councils. This policy document can be changed from time to time by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors. Finally, this policy document shall only be applicable to a municipal advisory council if the resolution for the municipal advisory council explicitly establishes its adoption.

These policies are procedural only. Except as otherwise provided by law, the failure to strictly observe the application of these policies shall not affect the jurisdiction of the MAC or invalidate any action taken at a MAC meeting that is otherwise held in conformity with law.

## Board Member MAC Assignment

From time to time, Municipal Advisory Council designated unincorporated areas may in whole or in part shift from being entirely in one supervisorial district's boundaries or within the area of multiple districts. This generally occurs due to redistricting. In order to streamline MAC operations, one specific District Supervisor's district office team will be considered responsible for administration of each MAC. Should something of interest to the MAC reside in another Supervisorial District's area, the responsible District Supervisor will communicate with the other District Supervisor to invite that District Supervisor to participate and/or communicate back the concerns of the MAC.

As of the adoption of this policy in May 2024, below is a current list of MACs in the unincorporated areas of the County:

<b>Municipal Advisory Council</b>	<b>Assigned County Supervisor District</b>
Casa Conejo	2
El Rio/Del Norte	3
Oak Park	2
Oak View Advisory Commission <sup>1</sup>	1
Ojai Valley	1
Santa Rosa Valley	2
Saticoy	1
Somis	2

## Scope and Designated Powers & Duties

The scope, under California Government Code 31010, indicates that Municipal Advisory Councils shall "advise the Board on such matters which relate to [the territorial area of the MAC] concerning services which are or may be provided to the area by the County or other local governmental agencies, including but not limited to advice on matters of public health, safety, welfare, public works, and planning." More specifically, items to be considered by the MAC are ultimately

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<sup>1</sup> Note, the Oak View Advisory Commission is not a MAC formed under Government Code section 31010. It does not have all the duties that MACs have under Government Code section 31010. However, since it is an advisory body that functions similar to a MAC, the Oak View Advisory Commission is included here and expected to operate its meetings consistent with this policy.

determined by the District Supervisor in whose district the MAC is located. Some MAC members may also be called upon by their respective District Supervisor to provide input on various topics that the Supervisor has requested. Examples include committees that work on the MAC's Annual Plan, Legislative Committees and Area Plans. MACs have the authority to review and approve oversized vehicle parking permits in areas where an oversized vehicle ordinance requires a MAC to do so.

## MAC Member Appointments & Elections

Depending upon how the MAC was established by the Board of Supervisors, MAC members are either appointed by the Board of Supervisors or elected by voters within a MAC's designated boundaries. Whether or not a MAC is an elected body, or an appointed body, is determined by Board of Supervisors' resolution. Unless otherwise specified, MAC Members, whether elected or appointed, serve four-year terms. Terms should be staggered to limit the number of scheduled vacancies at any one time. MACs shall be composed of five members selected and serving as provided herein.

### Appointed MAC Member Policies

1. Should a member of the public wish to be considered for an appointed role on a MAC, the individual must reside in, and be registered to vote in, the MAC's designated area. A completed County of Ventura Application for Appointment to Boards, Commissions, and Committees must also be received.
2. The District Supervisor for the MAC will receive all applications and conduct interviews as necessary. Upon selection of a candidate, the District Supervisor must submit a board letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending appointment to the MAC.
3. For a scheduled vacancy, the appointment term shall be four years unless removed earlier by the Board of Supervisors. For an unscheduled vacancy, the appointment term shall be for the remainder of the existing unexpired term unless removed earlier by the Board of Supervisors.
4. MAC members are required to review, be familiar with, and comply with the open meeting provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code section 54950 et seq.).
5. MAC members are required to review the County's Conflict of Interest code, complete training and abide by the requirements of the Conflict-of-Interest code.
6. MAC members are required to abide by the rules set forth in the Ventura County Municipal Advisory Council Policies.
7. MAC members shall serve without compensation of any kind, and the Board of Supervisors shall not provide funds for the payment of Council meeting stipends or reimbursement of Council members' expenses.
8. There shall be no automatic re-appointment or holdover of MAC members upon expiration of a member's term.
9. The District Supervisor may choose whether to re-nominate an incumbent member or nominate a new member. Any re-nomination or nomination must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.



10. MAC member terms shall be coterminous to the term of office of the District Supervisor managing the MAC. Appointments need to be made within 60 days of the beginning of the District Supervisor's term.
11. In the case of newly elected Supervisors, MAC members can carry over their positions for a period not to exceed 90 days, to allow time for the District Supervisor to recruit, interview, make position selections and nominations to the Board of Supervisors.

*Elected MAC Member Policies (Currently Oak Park and Santa Rosa Valley MACs Only)*

Qualification for and election to the MAC and all proceedings incidental to and connected with the election shall be performed in accordance with the California Uniform District Election Law and California Elections Code except as specifically provided herein.

1. The MAC shall be composed of five members. All members shall be elected at large by registered voters residing within the MAC area.
2. All candidates for MAC Member positions must be registered voters residing within the MAC's area.
3. Elections shall be held on scheduled election days determined by the County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters presiding over elections according to the following:
  - a. The term of office for elected MAC members shall be four years.
  - b. Elections shall be held in November of even numbered years for as long as the MAC exists.
  - c. Elected MAC members shall take office upon the first MAC meeting following the election.
  - d. In April of an election year, elected MACs must consider and approve a
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6. MAC members are required to abide by the rules set forth in the Ventura County Municipal Advisory Council Policies.
7. MAC members shall serve without compensation of any kind, and the Board of Supervisors shall not provide funds for the payment of MAC meeting stipends or reimbursement of MAC members' expenses.

## Appointed MAC Member Termination

Each appointed member of a MAC serves at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors and may be removed, at will, by a majority vote of the Board. The removal by the Board is rare. However, policies should be in place in the event that a MAC member acts inappropriately toward other MAC members, staff, or the public; acts outside the authority of the MAC; or has persistent problems with attendance.

*Termination Policies*

1. Appointed MAC members may be removed from their appointments at will upon recommendation by the District Supervisor and a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.
2. MAC members should express their concerns about any inappropriate behavior by a member to their District Supervisor.
  - a. If an issue arises, a District Supervisor may meet with or send a letter to the MAC member and the MAC Chair, advising the member of the concern and indicating that a failure to correct the inappropriate behavior may lead to removal from the MAC.
3. The MAC member should receive written notice of a recommendation for removal, the date and time of the meeting at which the Board of Supervisors will consider the removal, and of the opportunity for public comment to the Board before action on the removal.
4. If a MAC member or alternate has been absent from two consecutive meetings, the secretary or District Supervisor's administrative support staff should advise the member or alternate that absence from three consecutive regular meetings of the MAC may result in a recommendation of removal to the Board of Supervisors.
5. Where it appears that there will be sufficient members to hold a meeting but, at the actual time of the meeting a quorum cannot be reached and the meeting is canceled, those members or alternates who are absent will have an absence counted against them.

## Management of Unscheduled Vacancies

A MAC position shall become vacant on the occurrence of the events specified in Government Code section 1770. This section may be amended from time to time.

In the event there is an unscheduled vacancy on the MAC, the Board of Supervisors shall fill such a vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the unscheduled vacancy term. The following is a partial list of events triggering Government Code 1770 that apply:

1. Death of an incumbent.
2. An adjudication pursuant to a quo warranto proceeding declaring that the incumbent is physically or mentally incapacitated due to disease, illness, or accident, and there is reasonable cause that the incumbent will not be able to perform the duties of his or her office for the remainder of their term.
3. His or her resignation.
4. His or her removal from office.
5. His or her ceasing to be a resident of the designated MAC area.
6. His or her ceasing to discharge the duties of his or her office for a period of three consecutive months, except when prevented by sickness, or absent from the state with permission required by law.
7. His or her conviction of a felony or of any offense involving a violation of his or her official duties.
8. The decision of a competent tribunal declaring void his or her election or appointment.

## MAC Alternate Positions

For appointed MACs, appointed alternate positions may be established. Alternates can serve a useful purpose by assisting with the achievement of a quorum. However, a policy of automatic appointment of the alternate in the event of a vacancy may discourage other interested individuals from applying for appointment. Moreover, appointments should not be made automatically, in respect of District Supervisor responsibility for member nominations. Accordingly, the following policy has been set forth:

1. Alternate positions do not automatically assume a member position when a vacancy arises. Alternates, however, may be nominated to fill a member vacancy to the Board of Supervisors by the District Supervisor.
2. The establishment of an alternate position (or positions) in the case of a five member MAC is at the discretion of the District Supervisor.

## Powers and Duties of MAC Officers

Each calendar year, at the first meeting of the year of the MAC, officers of the MAC are appointed by motion and formal vote for each officer position.

### **Chair (selected by MAC)**

The Chair shall serve as presiding officer of the MAC, shall rule on questions of procedure, shall sign official documents approved by the MAC, shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide all questions of order. Decisions of the Chair may be overruled by a majority vote of the MAC. The Chair, in their capacity, can only act on behalf of items formally voted on and agreed to by the MAC and approved by the District Supervisor.

### **Vice Chair (selected by MAC)**

The Vice Chair shall have and exercise all the powers of the Chair at the meeting over which he or she is called on to preside. In the event of nonappearance by the Chair at any regular or special meeting, the Vice Chair shall call the MAC meeting to order and shall serve as presiding officer.

### **Chair Pro Tempore**

If neither the Chair nor the Vice Chair is present at a meeting, the MAC members present shall, by a motion and vote select one of their members to act as the Chair Pro Tempore. The Chair Pro Tempore shall have and exercise all the powers and duties of the Chair for that particular meeting only.

### **Secretary**

A recording secretary is responsible for documenting the motions, votes, comments, and other official actions of the MAC. The secretary shall take meeting minutes during the MAC meeting and e-mail a draft copy of the minutes to the assigned staff member from the District Supervisor's office at the end of the MAC meeting. The District Supervisor's office will include the draft minutes in the next meeting's agenda packet for formal MAC approval of the minutes.

# MAC Meetings

The frequency and length of meetings increase the cost and requirements of administrative support for the MACs. The annual meeting calendar will be developed and posted annually by the Supervisor's office. Any scheduled meeting may be canceled upon order of the Chair or a majority of the members of the MAC.

## Regular Meetings

1. MACs shall establish a standard meeting schedule for the year and meet no less than quarterly at an established time and place.
2. MAC meetings should be held at a time and place convenient and accessible to MAC members, the community, and administrative support staff within the adopted designated area of the MAC.
3. MAC meetings should not exceed three (3) hours in length.
4. MAC meetings shall be fully compliant with the Brown Act.
5. The MACs shall agendaize and respond to items that are referred to them in a timely manner (e.g. within 30 days of referral) such that their review does not delay the County Board of Supervisors' consideration of the matter.
6. The agenda should reflect, and the MAC Chair should remind the public at the start of each meeting that the MAC is an advisory body to their representative District Supervisor.
7. Should a MAC member be unable to attend a meeting, all reasonable effort shall be made to notify the Chair and the designated District Supervisor's office in writing as soon as possible.
8. Three members of the MAC shall constitute a quorum sufficient to transact business. A valid action must reflect the consent of at least three members present (Government Code section 25005).

## Special Meetings

1. Special Meetings to discuss a specific topic(s) may be called. No other business shall be considered at the special meeting. Rules for posting are outlined in the Brown Act.

## Order of Business

The order of business at each regular meeting, except for such times as may be set apart for consideration of special items, shall be as follows:

### **1. Meeting Called to Order**

The Chair shall open the meeting by calling the meeting to order. The officer shall state the name of the MAC and further state that the MAC is a advisory body to the Board of Supervisors on matters that related to the MAC's designated area.

### **2. Roll Call**

The Chair, at the commencement of a meeting of the MAC, shall call the roll and the Secretary shall record by name all members present or absent. If the Chair has been notified prior to the meeting that a member will be absent, the Secretary shall record in the minutes that the absence of said member is by prearrangement (excused). Should a quorum of three members of the MAC not be met, the meeting must be adjourned to the next scheduled meeting of the MAC.

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

The Chair shall designate a member of the MAC to lead the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. Minutes**

The minutes of previous meetings of the MAC shall be considered to the end that any corrections, alterations, or additions may be made by the MAC.

### **5. Agenda Review**

The Chair will announce any agenda amendments and/or revisions, and requests for items to be continued or removed from the Consent agenda. The MAC will consider and approve, by majority vote, such revisions to MAC agenda items and any item added to, or removed/continued from, the MAC agenda. Any addition of items to the agenda after it is posted must comply with the provisions of the Brown Act.

### **6. Consent Agenda Items**

Consent agenda items are routine in nature and do not require individual consideration. All consent items are approved by a single vote as recommended without discussion unless an item is pulled and considered during the Regular agenda for separate action at the request of a MAC member, staff member, or a member of the public.

### **7. Public Comment**

The rules relating to public comment are as follows:

#### Addressing the MAC

1. Prior to the meeting, or during the meeting prior to the time the agenda item to be addressed begins, a person wishing to address the MAC should fill out a speaker card and submit it to the Chair. While completion of a speaker card is helpful for the minutes of the meeting, a speaker is not precluded from speaking if the speaker does not complete a speaker card or does not give the speaker's name.
2. When called upon, the person should come to the podium, state his or her name and city of residence for the record, and, if speaking for an organization or other group, identify the organization or group represented. The Secretary shall enter in the minutes the names of the individual(s) speaking.
3. All remarks should be addressed to the MAC as a whole, not to individual members thereof. Each person speaking from the floor shall obtain permission from the Chair.
4. Questions, if any, should be addressed to the Chair of the MAC who will determine whether, or in what manner, an answer will be provided.

5. Public Comment is that period of time set aside at MAC meetings for members of the public to address the MAC on items not listed on the agenda or on matters that are listed under the Consent Agenda. If the matter is listed on the Consent Agenda, the item will be moved to the Regular Agenda for consideration following the approval of the remainder of the Consent Agenda, at which time the speaker will be heard, or the speaker will be allowed his or her time before the MAC's consideration of the Consent agenda.
6. Public Comment shall be limited to no more than 30 minutes total for all speakers, with each speaker given no more than three minutes. If there are more than six speakers, the Chair may reduce the time each speaker is allowed to (3) three minutes or any other period less than five minutes. At the discretion of the Chair, the time allotment for speakers may be adjusted above or below five minutes relative to the number of speakers present. Persons wishing to speak under Public Comment should submit a speaker card prior to the commencement of the item.
7. Presentations under Public Comment are limited to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of MAC and are limited to no more than five minutes.
8. The Public Comment portion of the MAC meetings shall be deemed to constitute the opportunity for members of the public to address the MAC in compliance with Government Code section 54954.3.
9. Members of the public making public comments to the MAC in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items at a single meeting are limited to a cumulative total of five minutes for all of their oral presentations at such meeting unless otherwise provided.
10. If a matter has been presented orally before the MAC, whether the MAC has taken action, or determined to take no action, the same or substantially same matter may not be presented orally by the same person at the same meeting any further. Nothing in the foregoing precludes submission of comments to the MAC in writing for such action or non-action as the MAC, in its discretion, may deem appropriate.
11. Any of the foregoing rules may be waived by the presiding officer or by a majority vote of the MAC members present when it is deemed that there is good cause to do so based upon the particular facts and circumstances involved.

#### Comments in Writing Encouraged

12. Members of the public may submit, and are encouraged to submit, comments in writing to the MAC relating to any items in the MAC's scope and designated area, whether on the MAC agenda or otherwise. When written materials are provided to the MAC during a meeting, 10 copies are required to be submitted. Such written comments will be distributed to members of the MAC and considered and acted upon, or not acted upon, as the MAC in its judgment may deem appropriate. Written comments made on agenda items will become part of the record of the agenda proceeding.

#### **8. Comments by Representative of the District Supervisor or the District Supervisor Responsible for the MAC**

This is the time for the District Supervisor or the Supervisor's designee to provide feedback or updates pertinent to the MAC's scope and area or feedback and updates as it pertains to the County.

## 9. Comments by MAC Members

Comments by MAC members on matters they deem appropriate within the MAC's scope and area. Consistent with the Brown Act, a MAC member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A MAC member may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for information or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The MAC may also direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

## 10. Regular Agenda Items

Items not included in the Consent agenda or items that are not time certain are taken up for consideration as part of the Regular agenda. They will be heard at the MAC's discretion, either before or after scheduled appointments and hearings.

## 11. Adjournment

The last item of the agenda shall always be an adjournment item indicating the date, time and location for the next scheduled meeting. (Government Code section 54955)

### Official Actions in a Meeting

#### 1. Motions

- a. Action of the MAC shall be taken by motion. Any action of the MAC may be proposed by the motion of any MAC member. Such a motion, if seconded by a member, shall be on the floor and must be considered. If a motion is not seconded, the motion fails for lack of a second, shall be so declared by the Chair, and shall not be further considered.
- b. A motion may be withdrawn by its maker at any time before adoption or rejection, with the consent of the second. Absent the consent of the second, the motion shall remain on the floor. The second to a motion may be withdrawn by the second at any time before adoption or rejection of the motion. Upon withdrawal of the second, the motion will be lost for lack of a second and so declared by the Chair unless seconded by another member.
- c. When a question or "original motion" is under debate, no motion shall be received unless:
  - i. To adjourn
  - ii. To lay on the table
  - iii. To consider the previous question
  - iv. To continue to a certain date
  - v. To amend
  - vi. To remove These motions shall have preference in the above order.
- d. A motion on the floor may be amended by motion at any time before adoption or rejection. If the motion to amend fails, the original motion will be voted upon. If the motion to amend passes, the amendment is adopted and, thereafter, the original motion, as amended, will be voted upon. After a motion has been seconded, any member may discuss the subject of the motion. When no member wishes to discuss the motion further, the Chair shall call for the vote on the motion. At any time after a motion has been seconded, any member who

has the floor may call for a question. The Chair may call for the vote if it appears that further discussion will be repetitious or that a majority of the Members present concur in the call.

- e. A motion to consider the previous question shall preclude all amendment from debate to the main question and shall be put in the form “shall the main question be put to a vote.”
- f. A member called to order shall relinquish the floor unless permitted to explain, and the MAC, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate. If there is no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be final.
- g. A Motion to Reconsider Made at the Same Meeting – Upon motion by a MAC member who voted with the prevailing side of the matter previously considered, and seconded by any MAC member, the MAC may, by majority vote of the entire MAC (at least three votes in favor), reconsider any matter dealt with previously by the MAC at the same meeting. The motion may be made either during the same session or at any recessed or adjourned session of that same meeting.
- h. A Motion to Reconsider Made at a Subsequent Meeting – Upon request of and a motion by a MAC member who voted with the prevailing side of the matter previously considered, and seconded by any MAC member, the MAC may, by majority vote of the entire MAC (at least three votes in favor), reconsider any matter dealt with previously by the Board at a previous meeting of the MAC. All such requests for reconsideration that appear on the agenda shall contain both the recommendation to reconsider and a recommendation on the matter previously considered and are subject to standard agenda requirements. All decisions made after consideration at a public hearing shall be reconsidered only at a public hearing, which is noticed in the same manner as the original hearing.

## 2. Votes

- a. Voting shall be by roll call. Each roll call vote shall be made in an order determined by the Chair but shall first include the maker of the motion and the member who seconded the motion, followed by the balance of the members present, with the Chair called last, unless the Chair made, or seconded, the motion.

## MAC Subcommittees

MACs may establish subcommittees to address subject areas considered by the MAC. It is important that subcommittees adhere to the Brown Act, and County’s policies and ordinances. Unless these policies and procedures are followed, the MAC, the public and the Board of Supervisors may not be well served by the committees.

- 1. MACs may establish a limited, single-purpose committee (or subcommittee) when needed. The committee (or subcommittee) shall be composed of less than a quorum of the MAC and chaired by one of its members. Members of the public who are not MAC members may serve on a committee or subcommittee to allow broad-based input from the community.
- 2. A specific charge or outline of responsibilities shall be established for the committee (or subcommittee) by the MAC.



3. The committee (or subcommittee) shall operate in accordance with MAC operating procedures, the Brown Act, the County's Conflict of Interest Code, and the County's Municipal Advisory Council policies.
4. Meeting agendas for committees (or subcommittees) shall be posted and records of action should be maintained and posted as well.
5. A report on the status of the committee (or subcommittee) is to be provided in the regular agenda of the MAC complete with copies of any agendas, minutes or other materials created since the last MAC meeting.

## Procedure for Rules of Debate

During a MAC meeting, it is possible that differences in opinion or views may occur. Accordingly, regardless of debate, MAC members shall follow the following procedures to ensure a clear record and ensure that all MAC members that wish to speak are heard in a respectful manner.

### Recognition to Speak

Every MAC member desiring to speak shall first address the Chair and be recognized by such. The member shall solely discuss the question under debate, avoiding personalities and indecorous language.

### Questions to Staff

Every MAC member desiring to question County staff, after recognition by the Chair, shall address the questions to the Supervisor's representative who may either to answer or designate a member of staff for that purpose.

### Interruption

A MAC member, once recognized, shall not be interrupted by other MAC members when speaking unless called to order by the Chair or a point of order or personal privilege is raised by another MAC member. If a MAC member, while speaking, is called to order, the member shall cease speaking until the question of order is determined. Members of the Supervisor's staff, after recognition by the Chair, shall hold the floor until the completion of their remarks or until recognition is withdrawn by the Chair.

### Points of Order

The Chair shall determine all "points of order" subject to the right of any MAC member to appeal the Chair's decision to the full MAC. If an appeal is taken, the question shall be, "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" A majority vote of those MAC members present shall conclusively determine such question of order.

### Point of Personal Privilege

The right of a MAC member to address the MAC on a question of personal privilege shall be limited to cases in which the member's integrity, character or motives are questioned. A MAC member

raising a point of personal privilege may interrupt another MAC member who has the floor only if the Chair recognizes the personal privilege.

Privilege of Closing the Debate.

The MAC member moving the item shall have the privilege of making the closing remarks during debate prior to the vote by the MAC.

Limitation of Debate.

To encourage the full participation of all members of the MAC, no MAC member(s) shall be permitted to monopolize the discussion of the question. If a MAC member has already spoken and other MAC Members wish to speak, the latter MAC Member(s) should be recognized in preference to the MAC Member who has already spoken. However, if no other MAC Members seek recognition, the Chair may recognize the MAC Member who has already spoken.

## Rules and Guidelines of Decorum

In order to maintain a public meeting environment conducive to receiving public testimony from all sides of any issue, and to ensure that all persons have an equal opportunity to see, hear and participate in the public meeting, the following rules of decorum shall be used during MAC meetings:

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To minimize distractions during public meetings, all personal communication devices must be turned off or put in a non-audible mode during meetings.

Chair and MAC Members

While the MAC is in session, the members shall preserve order and decorum, and a member shall neither, by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings nor disturb any member while speaking nor refuse to obey the orders of the Chair.

Persons Addressing the MAC

Speakers are prohibited from using profane or vulgar language, making true threats of physical violence, and from engaging in such other conduct that disrupts, disturbs, or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting. Any person who becomes disruptive while addressing the MAC, shall be called to order by the Chair and, if such conduct continues, may, at the discretion of the Chair, be ordered removed from the premises during that meeting. Nothing herein shall preclude a member of the public from commenting on, questioning, or criticizing the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the County, the acts or omissions of the MAC, or the positions, statements, votes, actions, or omissions of members of the MAC.

Members of the Audience

Audience members are prohibited from engaging in audible displays such as shouting, yelling, whistling, foot stomping, clapping, booing, hissing, and cheering in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting. Any person who becomes disruptive

while in the audience shall be called to order by the Chair and, if such conduct continues, may, at the discretion of the Chair, be ordered removed from the premises during that meeting.

Signs, placards or posters shall not be brought into the meeting room if the presence of such item disturbs, disrupts or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting. The Chair may direct that all signs, placards and posters be placed in the back of the meeting room where they will still be visible by members of the MAC but will not block or otherwise obstruct the view or participation of other members of the public attending the meeting.

#### *Maintaining Order and Decorum*

1. The Chair shall be responsible for maintaining the order and decorum at public meetings and uniformly enforcing the provisions of this policy.
2. In the event any person violates a provision of this policy in a manner that disturbs, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting, the Chair may order that person to cease the offending conduct.
3. If any person continues to violate the provision in a manner that disturbs, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting following an order from the Chair to cease the offending conduct, the Chair may order that person to leave the meeting.
4. If any person refuses to leave the meeting following an order from the Chair to do so, the Chair may order any law enforcement officer on duty to remove that person from the meeting.
5. Any person removed from the meeting shall be excluded from further attendance at the meeting from which the person has been removed unless permission to attend has been granted by the presiding officer or by majority vote of the MAC.

## MAC Training Requirements

MAC members should be trained in meeting operating procedures, the Brown Act, and County policies. Training provides MAC members with resources and knowledge to operate efficiently and effectively. When offered, MAC members are expected to attend any relevant training by County Counsel or other County staff related to the scope, operations and applicable law for MAC meetings. MAC members should receive an orientation on MAC member duties and responsibilities by Supervisorial District and/or County staff before their first meeting.

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2. Within three months of appointment, each MAC member shall complete the prescribed training on compliance with conflict of interest, Form 700 and shall certify that he or she has completed such training. Training certificates and compliance shall be maintained by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

## Administrative Support of MACs

To ensure effectiveness, all MACs need some level of administrative support services provided by the responsible supervisorial district staff.

### Supervisorial District Staff Shall:

1. Identify and manage the securing and setup of a location for MAC meetings.
2. Annually develop a draft calendar for the consideration and approval by the MAC.
3. Develop an optional draft agenda that is shared with the public no fewer than three days prior to the finalization of the agenda to allow time for community preparation and participation.
4. Develop agenda packages complete with the draft minutes created by the MAC-appointed Secretary and any other materials planned to be presented.
5. In adherence to the Brown Act, posting the agenda at the location of the meeting no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting.
6. Post the agenda on the corresponding MAC website
7. E-mail the agenda package to the e-mail list for the MAC.
8. Maintain the MAC website
9. Prepare responses to inquiries made during public comment
10. Prepare responses to requests from MAC members

## Advisement on County Service Areas and Other Taxation Districts

The designated area of MACs may coincide with funding districts such as County Service Areas. A MAC may review and provide advisory recommendations concerning the financing and operation of such areas. Where a separate board or entity exists to manage a taxation district, the MAC shall give deference to that entity for all official advisement matters.

## MAC External Communications and Representations

In accordance with Government Code section 31010, MACs, where optionally established, advise the Board of Supervisors on such matters that relate to their designated area. In Ventura County, MACs advise their representative District Supervisor on items of import. Accordingly, it is understood that the Board of Supervisors is the final decision-making authority with respect to issues concerning the community and that the MAC shall serve solely in an advisory capacity.

### Policies Regarding External Communication and Representations

1. Except when expressly authorized by the majority of the Board of Supervisors, the MAC and its individual members acting on behalf of the MAC, may not represent the community to any federal, state, other county, city, special district or school district, agency or commission, or any other organization on any matter concerning the community.

2. Should a MAC member wish to opine on any matter that has not been expressly authorized by the MAC or the Ventura County Municipal Advisory Council Policies, they must indicate that while they are a member of the MAC, their opinion does not reflect the official opinion of the MAC or the County of Ventura.
3. The MAC may not, as a body, take positions on candidates for any public office.
4. Should business cards, letterhead, or printed material from the MAC be created, the MAC should be identified as an advisory body to their representative Supervisor, and the contact information for the District Supervisor should be included.

## MAC Annual Reports, Including Work Plans

Each MAC shall create an annual report regarding MAC activities, accomplishments, membership attendance, records of required training, and a proposed Work Plan or objectives for the following year.

1. Before the last MAC meeting of the calendar year, the MAC shall review and provide feedback on a draft of their annual report and work plan for the following year created by the Chair and Vice Chair.
2. At the last MAC meeting of the calendar year, the MAC shall finalize their annual report and work plan for submission to the representative District Supervisor.
3. Failure to submit an annual report and work plan may result in consideration of MAC dissolution.

## MAC Boundaries

Municipal Advisory Council boundaries are required to be within the unincorporated area of Ventura County and within the commonly accepted known area that could have impact on the designated area of the MAC. The designated area will be defined by an official map that accompanies the Board of Supervisors resolution forming the MAC. The resolution of the MAC shall explicitly define the precincts and/or specific parcel numbers for the designated area of the MAC.

When an unincorporated community of interest is adjacent to industrial areas or facilities (e.g., refineries, power plants, gas fields) that are also in the unincorporated area, these industrial areas or facilities should be included in the MAC boundaries if there are known or anticipated matters of public health, safety, welfare, public works, and/or planning. When an unincorporated community of interest is adjacent to government-owned lands (e.g., airports, special district lands, transitional military bases, etc.) that are also in the unincorporated area, these government owned lands should be included in the MAC boundaries only if there are known or anticipated matters of public health, safety, welfare, public works, and/or planning.

From time to time, MAC boundaries may be updated by review and advisement approval by the MAC and consideration and approval by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors is the sole authority for the ultimate determination of MAC boundaries. Any action to update to the MAC boundaries must comply with the resolution and mapping requirements of Government Code section 31010.

Should a MAC's boundaries incorporate more than one Supervisorial District, please refer to the Board Member MAC Assignment section of the Ventura County Municipal Advisory Council Policies.

## Termination of a MAC

The Board of Supervisors may, at its sole discretion, take action to terminate and dissolve a Municipal Advisory Council at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Such termination will be effective after giving 30 days written notice to the MAC after the Board's action at a regular Board meeting.