

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-263

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ANAHEIM ADDING POLICY 1.8 TO THE CITY
COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL RELATING TO THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES
DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, California Government Code section 6200 *et seq.*, prohibits a majority of members of a legislative body from communicating outside of a public meeting on a matter on the agenda for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to encourage compliance with the Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, the use of electronic communication devices, such as cell phones, during a City Council meeting may lead to the public's perception that a Councilmember is not paying attention to the subject matter at hand or that a Councilmember is receiving information relative to the subject matter at hand that other Councilmembers and members of the public are not receiving; and

WHEREAS, the City Council accordingly desires to amend the City Council Policy Manual to add Council Policy 1.8, entitled "Use of Electronic Communication Devices During City Council Meetings."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. Policy No. 1.8 entitled "Use of Electronic Communication Devices During City Council Meetings" is hereby added to the City Council Policy Manual as follows:

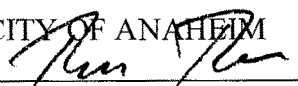
The City Council's use of electronic communication devices, such as cell phones, during a City Council meeting may lead to the public's perception that a Councilmember is not paying attention to the subject matter at hand or that a Councilmember is receiving information relative to the subject matter at hand that other Councilmembers and members of the public are not receiving, either one of which is inimical to good government and transparency. Therefore, a Councilmember's use of electronic communication devices (including cell phones), other than for the purpose of accessing agenda materials that are on a Councilmember's I-pad/tablet device or lap top computer, is prohibited during Council meetings. This policy does not prohibit using an electronic communications device in the event of an urgent family matter.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

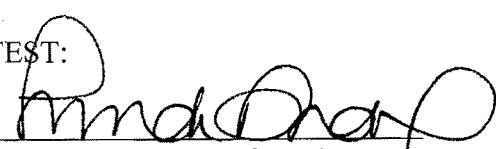
THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION is approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Anaheim this 6th day of October, 2015, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Tait and Council Members Kring, Murray, Brandman,
and Vanderbilt
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CITY OF ANAHEIM


Mayor of the City of Anaheim

ATTEST:


City Clerk of the City of Anaheim

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