

1 [Providing for additional public comment at committee meetings.]

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3 **Motion repealing and adding Rule 1.4 to provide additional opportunities for public**
4 **comment at committee meetings.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force has requested this Board of
7 Supervisors to amend its rules so that members of the public may be fully heard at committee
8 meetings; and

9 WHEREAS, It may sometimes be more effective for members of the public to attend a
10 committee meeting on a particular subject rather than address the Board as a whole; and

11 WHEREAS, The Brown Act allows the Chair of a committee to set the time for public
12 speakers to allow the orderly operation of meetings; now, therefore, be it

13 moved, That Rule 1.4 of the Rules of Order is repealed in its entirety; and, be it

14 FURTHER MOVED, That Rule 1.4 is added to read as follows:

15 **1.4. Public Comment at Committee Meetings.** a) The committee system of the Board
16 is designed to hear effective public testimony for and against proposed legislation, to hear
17 suggestions for amendments and to hear public comment on policy matters within the
18 jurisdiction of the committee. b) Public comment is welcome on any item on committee
19 agendas. Committee agendas shall include an item that provides for general public comment
20 on policy matters within the jurisdiction of the committee. c) Supervisors shall refrain from
21 discussing or acting on items raised in public comment unless they have been specifically
22 noticed on the agenda, except to request that an item be placed on a future agenda.

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