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Berkeley People's Alliance v. City of Berkeley

Court of Appeal, First District, California. - September 30, 2025 - Cal.Rptr.3d - 2025 WL 2787867 - 2025 Daily Journal D.A.R. 9405

Citizens' group brought action against city council members alleging violations of the Brown Act's open meeting requirements.

The Superior Court, Alameda County, sustained members' demurrer without leave to amend. Group appealed.

The Court of Appeal held that city council's conduct did not fall within exception to Brown Act allowing them to order meeting room cleared and continue in session.

City council's conduct in recessing meeting and reconvening it in another room without members of the public who were attending the meeting did not comply with exception to Brown Act's open meeting requirements allowing members of a legislative body to order meeting room "cleared and continue in session" in event of disorderly conduct of the general public.