Public Integrity Division (PID) Flowchart for Allegations of Brown Act Violations

An allegation of a Brown Act violation must be in writing and should include a description of the suspected violation, the local agency and officials involved, and the date.

The allegation is reviewed to determine whether it identifies a possible violation.

If the allegation does not identify a possible violation, the matter is closed.

If a possible violation is identified, PID will seek additional evidence to establish whether a violation was committed.

If there is insufficient evidence to establish a violation, the matter is closed.

If a violation is established, PID may send a letter to the local agency, explaining the conclusion and urging future compliance. (Most Brown Act violations are not criminal violations.)

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