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# SUNSHINE WEEK

*Open government is good government.*

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*We know her. We trust her.*



Sunshine Week is a non-partisan, non-profit national initiative begun in 2005 by the American Society of News Editors — now News Leaders Association to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. Participants have included news media, civic groups, libraries, nonprofit organizations, schools, and individuals concerned about the public's right to know. (<https://www.newsleaders.org/sunshine-week-about>)

Led by the American Society of News Editors and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, **Sunshine Week (March 13 – 20) is the annual celebration of all things related to open government and the public's right to know.**



Are you a Ray of Sunshine? Take the Sunshine Week quiz and find out.

Challenge yourself, have fun and learn about why open government and freedom of information in the U.S. is to be cherished and held to high standards.

If you're not sure of an answer, please look at end of the article for the right one. You can brag on Facebook or Twitter that you're a Ray of Sunshine!



Question 1.

What is California's "Sunshine Law" called?

- a) The Ralph M. Brown Act
- b) The Milias Meyers Brown Act
- c) The Political Reform Act of 1974



## Question 2.

Can Council members check on each other to find out how they are going to vote before the public council meeting?

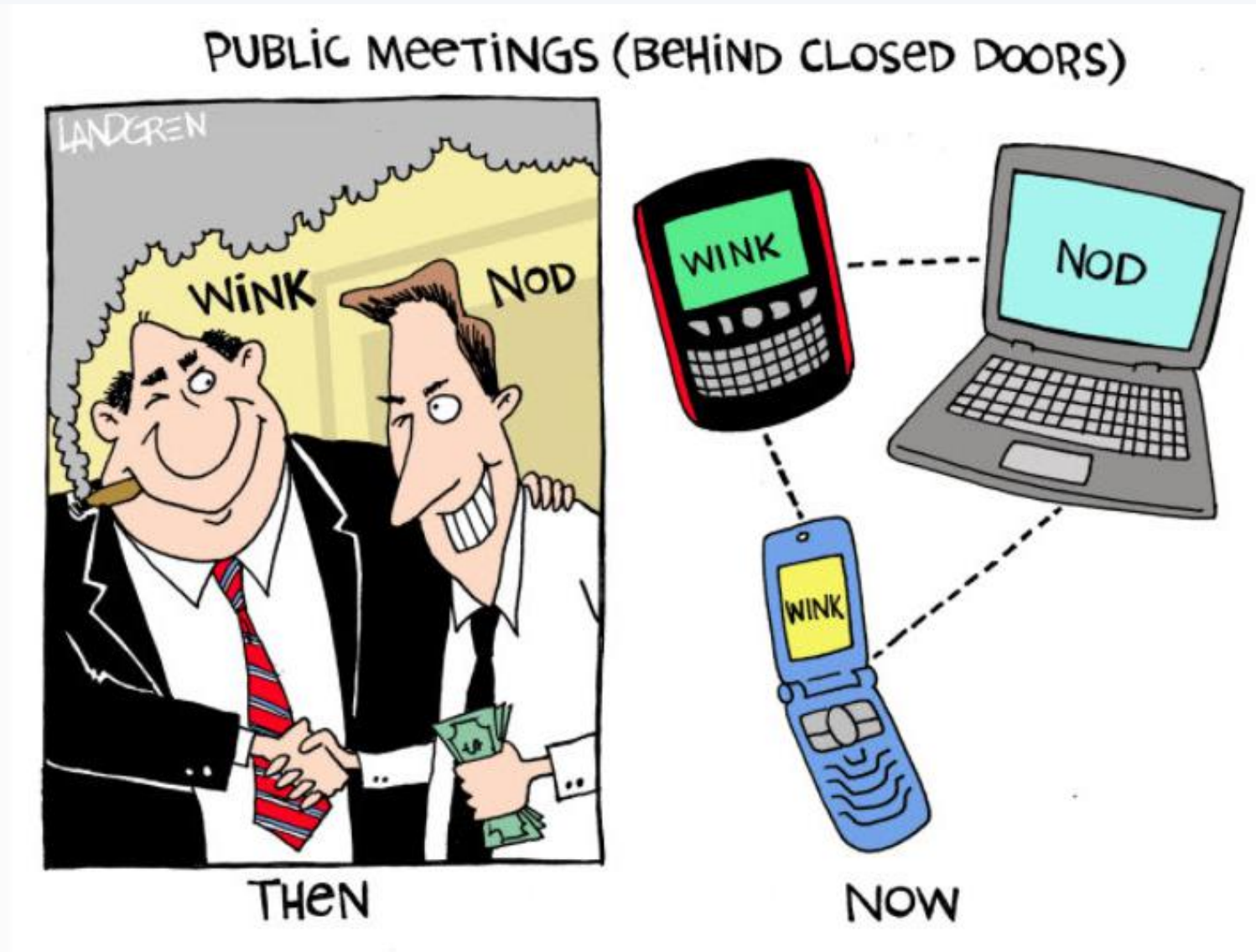
- a) Yes
- b) No



### Question 3.

Is a Spoke and Wheel meeting prohibited?

- a) Yes
- b) No





## Question 4.

Which law spells out economic conflict of interests for elected officials:?

- a) The Political Reform Act of 1974
- b) The Long Beach Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1993
- c) The Ralph M. Brown Act





## Question 5.

California's open government laws require public officials to:

- a) Conduct meetings of public bodies openly, except for limited circumstances under which the law allows the public's business to be conducted privately in closed sessions
- b) Allow the public to participate in meetings of public bodies through a public comment process
- c) Allow inspection and copying of public records except when non-disclosure is authorized by law
- d) All the above



**“Everything was fine until you insisted on accountability.”**



## Question 6.

In California, a number of laws enable the public and the media to obtain what information about public official activities and the decision-making process?

- a) Sources of income and other financial interests
- b) Campaign contributions
- c) Charitable fundraising activities
- d) Public records
- e) A and B
- f) All the above





## Question 7.

Who wrote The Long Beach Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1994?

- a) The Mayor
- b) The City Council
- c) The voters
- d) A political consultant

