



**City of St. Helena
Special City Council Meeting
City Council Retreat
Friday, April 21, 2017 @ 9:00 AM
Southbridge Napa Valley, Conference Room
1020 Main Street, St. Helena**

PLEASE NOTE: Any person who wishes to speak regarding an item on the agenda or make a comment under the "public comment" portion of the agenda may do so, but please observe the time limit of three minutes.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor: Alan Galbraith

Vice Mayor: Peter White

City Council: Paul Dohring

Geoff Ellsworth

Mary Koberstein

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO THE CITY COUNCIL RETREAT:

Each person's comments shall be limited to 3 minutes.

4. INFORMATION

The City Council of St. Helena will be holding a day long "retreat" to focus on improving interactions as a council.

This meeting will not consider any motions and will not take any actions as a City Council.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider how to improve interactions and communications among the Council members for more effective governance.

While this meeting is open to the public, we would request consideration to allow the City Council to have this time for this working session.

Reminder - the Brown Act doesn't allow substantive discussion of any specific issues or projects.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. A bit of our history. Reviewing some of the history of the Council and the City.
2. Communication frameworks, pitfalls and challenges.
3. What is your current experience of the work of the Council, the meetings, work with staff, the information you receive, and anything else?
4. Personal Values—what are they? Are they simply espoused or are they also in action?
5. Polarities: The challenges of different approaches to issues and how to avoid polarization that blocks great plans, goals and interactions.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular City Council meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Vintage Hall Board Room located at 465 Main Street.

This agenda was posted at City Hall, 1480 Main Street, and at Southbridge Napa Valley, Conference Room, 1020 Main Street, St. Helena, California on April 20, 2017 at 8:00 am.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindy Black". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindy Black, City Clerk

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