

# Don't Confuse Kindness With Weakness: How to Handle Disruptive Public Meetings - A Guide for City Councilmembers and City Staff

2025 Special District Leadership Academy

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David Lim will present at the California Special Districts Association 2025 Special Districts Leadership Academy.

Learn how to handle disruptive meetings online and offline without losing your cool! This presentation will cover how cities can meet their legal obligations to allow open, honest discourse while navigating free speech concerns. The discussion will include important safety tips, with an emphasis on techniques to handle the most combative public speaker. Role-playing scenarios will allow you to put these tips and tricks into immediate practice!

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