



**CITY OF DEL MAR  
CITY COUNCIL POLICY BOOK**

<b>310</b>	<b>EFFECT OF COUNCILMEMBER ABSTAINING ON A VOTE</b>	<b>DATE REVISED:</b>	9-15-2014
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POLICY:

1. Only those votes that are cast "Aye" or "No" on a motion are counted.
2. A Councilmember who abstains will be deemed to have acquiesced in the action taken by a majority of the City Councilmembers who voted.
3. The following exemplifies this policy:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Action</u>
	3	1	1	0	Motion Passes
	2	1	1	1	Motion Passes
	2	0	2	1	Motion Passes
	2	2	1	0	Motion Fails

DISCUSSION:

This policy is based upon several California Appellate Court decisions, an opinion of the Attorney General interpreting Robert's Rules of Order, and the common law. It supports the objective that when a Councilmember present at a meeting desires to defeat a proposed action, the member must vote against it.