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Joaquin Vazquez is a partner in Burke's Public Law Practice Group. He has devoted his practice to representing cities and other public agencies for over 14 years. He serves as Assistant City Attorney for the cities of Monterey Park, Wildomar, and Yucca Valley. He also serves as Deputy City Attorney for the cities of Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, and Bellflower.

Joaquin regularly advises city councils, planning commissions, city managers, department directors, and staff on legal issues affecting California cities. His practice includes housing, land use and planning, economic development, CEQA, development agreements, public contracting, municipal governance, the Housing Accountability Act, the Density Bonus Law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, the California Public Records Act, elections, ethics, conflicts of interest, and implementation of new legislation affecting local agencies. He has substantial experience with complex development projects and other matters requiring coordination among elected officials, staff, developers, and the public.

Previously, Joaquin served as Assistant City Attorney for the cities of San Fernando, El Segundo, El Monte, and Delano and as special counsel to numerous California public agencies. This experience has given him a practical understanding of municipal operations and the legal, operational, and policy considerations that arise across City departments.

PRACTICES
Public Law

EDUCATION
J.D., University of Southern California, 2005

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, 2000

ADMISSION
State Bar of California

United States District Court, Central District

AFFILIATIONS
Los Angeles County Bar Association

INSIGHTS
Public Law Update – SB 1187: Narrowing SB 707's Brown Act Requirements for Eligible Legislative Bodies

Public Law Update – AB 1786: Best Value Contracting for Public Works

Understanding "Disruption" Under SB 707: Technical Failures vs. Disruptive Participation

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Public Law Update – SB 852: New Campaign Contribution Restrictions and Scope for Form 700 Filing

Public Law Update – SB 827: Expansion of Mandatory Training for Local Agency Officials

Public Law Update – AB 1061: Amendments to SB 9 Historic Resource Provisions

Public Law Update – SB 707 Provides Significant Changes to the Brown Act

PUBLICATIONS

When Ministerial Approvals Become Discretionary Under CEQA

Safe Sidewalk Vending Act Curbs Local Regulations: What You Need to Know

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Joint Laws Transforming California

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