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*Welcome!*

Mendocino Coast Health Care District  
Board Workshop

*Welcome &  
Purpose of the Day*

# *Today's Agenda*

- Warm up Activity
- Interview Themes
- The Brown Act (Decision-Making and Public Comment)
- Role of the Board
- SWOT – Where are we now?
- How do we move forward? (Facility, Bond, Credibility)



## *Ground Rules*

- One person speaking at a time
- Focus on the agenda
- Cell phones on vibrate
- Be candid
- Share the airtime – balanced communications

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5. What is the most important thing to you, to accomplish today?

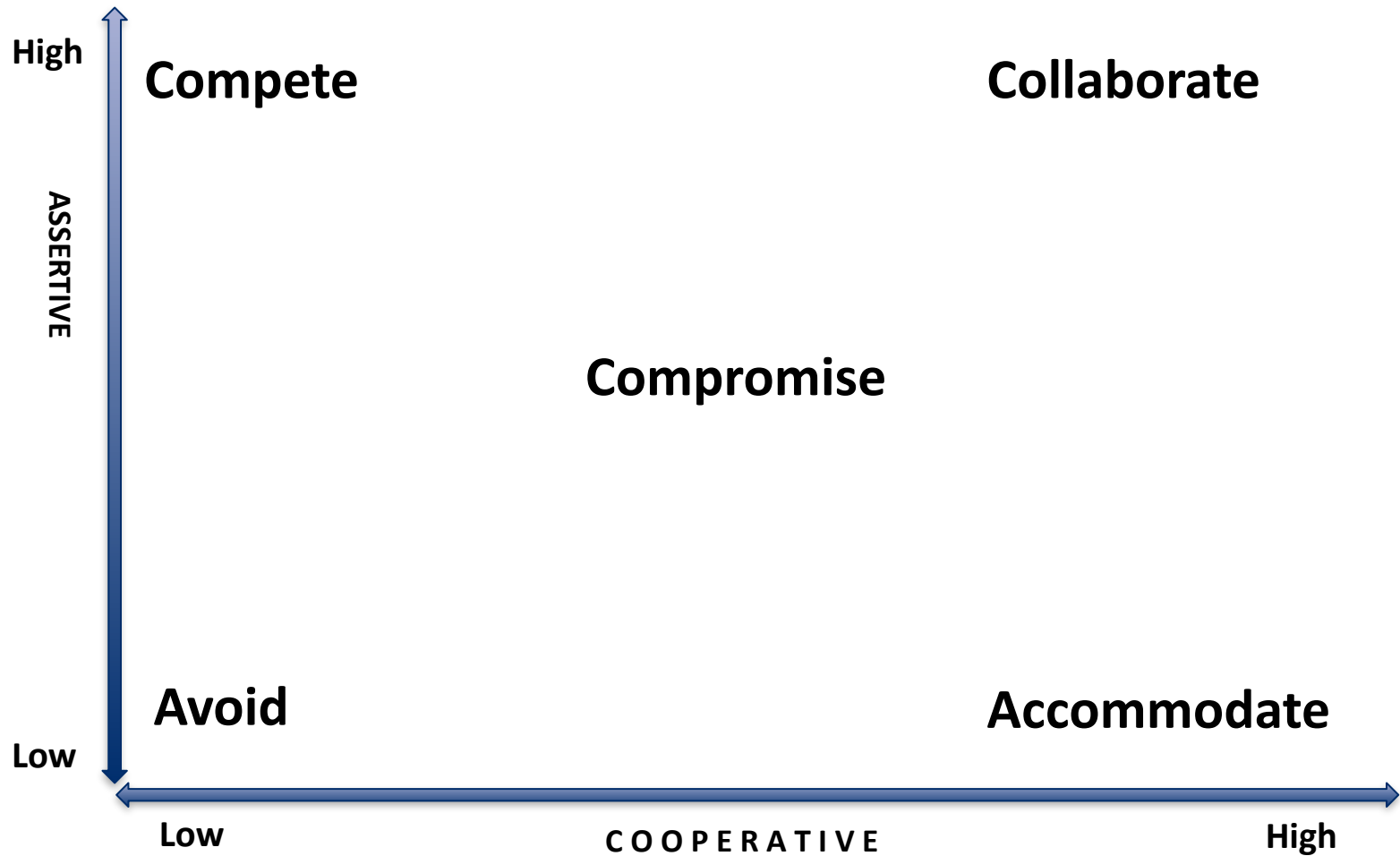
# *Interview Themes*



# *Decision-Making*

1. Majority Consensus
2. Board Decision vs. Individual Decision
3. Post-Meeting Support

# Conflict Modes (Thomas-Kilmann)



# *Ask...*

1. How important is the issue?
2. How important is the relationship with the public?
3. What if we do nothing?
4. Can we live with it?

*Choose how to respond*

# *Ralph M. Brown Act*

# *Public Engagement Best Practices*

- Compliance vs. Transparent Government
- Goals of the Brown Act
- Public Comment Is and Is Not

*Goals of the Brown Act are to meet the needs of:*

1. A legislative body's need to get business done smoothly
2. The public's right to participate meaningfully in meetings and to review documents used in decision-making at a relevant point in time
3. A local agency's right to confidentially address certain negotiations, personnel matters, claims and litigation
4. The right of the press to fully understand and communicate public agency decision-making



# *Facilities*

- Revenue
- Expenses
- Challenges
- Timeline

*Where are we now?*

*What do we need to do to move the  
District forward?*

# *Take-Aways & Wrap Up*