

CEQA Legal Challenges

- **Standing**
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CEQA Standing

- **The issue of whether the plaintiff is the proper party to bring the matter to the court for adjudication.**
- **Must have raised an objection to the project during the public comment period or prior to the close of the public hearing.**

Standard of Review

- **A court may overturn an agency decision only if the agency did not proceed in a manner required by law, or if the decision is not supported by substantial evidence.**
 - **Did the agency act in a manner required by law? CEQA requirements must be strictly followed. The agency's decision will be overturned if they failed to do so.**
 - **Is the agency's decision supported by substantial evidence? The agency's decision will be overturned only if there is no credible evidence to support the decision**