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LOS ANGELES AP - The County Board of Supervisors unanimously proposed Tuesday public television of the murder trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan but Grant Cooper, Sirhan's new attorney, vetoed the idea.

Cooper had a one-hour first meeting with the man charged with slaying Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Cooper, accompanied by Sirhan's other attorney, Russell E. Parsons, said public televising of the trial could not be done without the defendant's consent and "you are never going to get the consent of the defendant as long as Russ Parsons and I are the attorneys."

Cooper said he felt public television of the trial would be unethical.

Cooper said he planned to discuss the case only with Sirhan, Parsons and a third lawyer joining the defense, Emile Zola Berman of New York.

He said each attorney will "tackle a particular avenue" in the defense.

Cooper said he took the case because in 41 years' practice he had "made many talks on the duties and obligations of lawyers to represent unpopular causes." And, he said, he wants to "show the world that in Los Angeles County justice is administered in an ethical way."

Sirhan, 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant, is scheduled to go to trial Dec. 9. However, Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker has scheduled a hearing Thursday on a defense-proposed delay to Jan. 6.

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