

City Council Regular Meeting

June 27, 2024

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Public Comment Packet

ITEM(S)

2-W (ID 24-895) RESOLUTION - Amending the City Council Public Accessibility Act

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Susan Mac

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Good afternoon,

I am a resident of District 3 and I am writing to oppose removing the option of attending City meetings via Zoom.

Zoom allows even citizens who cannot leave their homes to participate in their local government meetings. There is literally no good reason to stop this option and I cannot imagine why anyone in City gov would think that making participation more difficult would be a good thing.

Is this item to officially codify the City's position that they aren't in any way interested in public input? That's pretty much how it looks to the public when electeds are scrolling on their phones while sitting on the dais, and now the City is trying to limit our input. Very bad optics.

The County should be ashamed that they aren't yet on Zoom, because local electeds should be encouraging more citizen participation. Let's not go backwards here.

If it's funding that is the issue, might there be some fat to cut in the philandering police chief's budget, perhaps the \$1.2 million for SROs, because cops don't belong in schools. I see that the problematic Axon is also on today's agenda, receiving \$18 million over 5 years.

The public deserves a voice, now more than ever. And particularly the marginalized.

The City should be looking for more ways to include citizens instead of trying to limit our participation.

Thank you for your time.

Diana Diehl
Dennett Avenue
District 3

Susan Mac

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I want to voice opposition to this item. Discontinuing remote access to the city council meetings will reduce, not increase, public participation. I urge a "no" vote on it.

Dan Waterhouse
Fresno

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