

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dom Ong

**Date Submitted:** 09/30/2020 12:09 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am so disappointed in the LA City Council's vote for the Chinatown Business Improvement District. By approving the BID, the City Council chose to side with wealthy property owners over longtime Chinatown residents. Chinatown does not need the BID because the BID does little for Chinatown's existing community. The BID invests more on private security patrols to harass local elders and unhoused folks than it does on amenities for the most vulnerable. The BID leaders have demonstrated that they have no interest in Chinatown's existing residents and small businesses. BID refuses to hold accessible meetings and be accountable to the community, especially those most at risk of displacement and/or most impacted by BID decisions. The LA City Council itself clearly does not value meaningful public participation either if it lists incorrect meeting call-in information, kicks the public off the call, and hosts meeting times during the work day.

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**Name:** Phyllis Ling

**Date Submitted:** 09/30/2020 09:12 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Phyllis Ling. I'm a resident and property owner in the Chinatown area. I am opposed to the establishment of the Chinatown BID. Yesterday, on Tuesday September 29, at the public hearing for the Chinatown BID Establishment, there were significant obstacles that severely curtailed the public's ability to provide public comment: 1. the Notice of Public Hearing to Establish the Chinatown BID (attached) provided an incorrect meeting ID . I called shortly after 10am using the instructions on the notice. Zoom said this meeting does not exist. I had to go online for instructions from the general City Council agenda. Considering that the Chinatown BID area includes many benevolent associations, and older residents and business owners who do not have internet access, the incorrect information on the BID hearing notice likely prevented many from joining the meeting to provide public comment. 2. For those who were able to join the meeting, there was another obstacle. Early in the meeting, City Council announced that the interpreter for this meeting was running late, and that comments for this agenda item would be allowed later in the meeting as well. However, after the first round of public comments was closed, I was disconnected from the call, as were other callers. I called back into the meeting twice, and got the message that the meeting had not started. All I heard was elevator music, not what was being discussed in City Council chambers, so I hung up both times. The only reason I knew when to call in again for public comment was because I was able to go online and watch the meeting from the website. I made an abbreviated version of these 2 comments yesterday at the meeting, which ate up a lot of my 1 minute public comment opportunity. I was able to make a couple of comments in opposition to the certification of the ballot results and establishment of the Chinatown BID, that I would like to elaborate on here: The City Council has already bent over backwards to establish this BID. The BID missed the normal deadline for renewal, didn't have anywhere close to the petitions that they needed, and you approved special funding for a renewal consultant. In an unusual move, the City Clerk's office is being instructed to direct bill the property owners, rather than going through the property tax rolls. This process is corrupt. And all this is being done so that The Los Angeles Chinatown Business

Council, the non-profit that has been running the BID, can continue its operations uninterrupted. So that they can continue to violate the Brown Act and CPRA. So they can continue to force people to attend their board meetings in person to make public comment and/or not provide any instructions on their agenda for how the public can attend virtually. So that they can continue to harass the unhoused in our communities. So that they can provide services outside of their boundaries, a clear violation of their authority. So that they can operate in secret to help their friends and help developers. The City should not approve a contract with this non-profit to manage tax-payer funds. Taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize this unaccountable organization. Sincerely,  
Phyllis Ling

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Council District 1

**-NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-**  
**TO ESTABLISH THE CHINATOWN**  
**(PROPERTY-BASED) BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles will hold a public hearing to determine whether to establish the Chinatown Property Business Improvement District ("District") and levy assessments. The hearing will be held on:

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 10:00 a.m.**  
**John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340**  
**City Hall, 200 North Spring Street**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012.**

The public hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard. At the public hearing to be held on September 29, 2020, the City Council will hear all interested persons for or against establishment of the District, the extent of the District, and the furnishing of specified types of improvements or activities and may correct minor defects in the proceedings. In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the City Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically. **Members of the public who wish to offer public comment to the Council should call (669) 900-6833 and use Meeting ID No. 459 499 150 and then press #. Press # again when prompted for participant ID.**

After the City Council has closed the public hearing, the tabulation of the ballots shall take place in Room 223 of City Hall.

The City Clerk will certify the results of the tabulation of the ballots to the City Council at its meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, in the John Ferraro Council Chamber in Room 340 at City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. Depending on the result of the ballot tabulation, the City Council may consider adopting an ordinance establishing the District.