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Comments for Public Posting: The Neighborhood Councils should have the option for in person meetings, Zoom only or a combination of the two. Today's culture of entitled bullying and outrageous behavior (as seen in recent City Council meetings) show how people can now be totally disruptive and threatening with absolutely no consequences. The NC board members are all volunteers from their communities- they do not have the luxury of police protection like the City Council has- The City Council may have the luxury of a recess to wait for the outbursts to die down or for the police to escort unruly, threatening people out- NCs do not have that luxury. Once a meeting has shut down, there is a likelihood that the meeting will be cancelled. There is also the chance that other public attendees could be terrorized or assaulted- and would seriously hamper the attendance of the public at an NC meeting because the public might fear for their safety. If a meeting is disrupted, then the work of the NCs is severely impacted- Most are people who work full time and take time away from their families to do their job on the NC- that disruptive and violent people can shut down a meeting makes the NC system susceptible to failure- All it takes is a bunch of thugs to show up and terrorize board members. For the safety of the board members and general public, the NCs should be able to make the choice of the way meetings are held- whether in person, Zoom only or hybrid-