

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dolores Spears  
**Date Submitted:** 10/31/2023 05:17 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-1113  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I support this motion and urge City Council to vote yes.

October 31, 2023

Honorable Members,  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring St., City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: CF 23-1113: Addressing the technical needs, resources and support for NC's would need in order to be able to hold virtual meetings.**

During the pandemic Neighborhood Councils were teleconferencing our meetings via ZOOM. It turned out to be very convenient relative to safety concerns, as well as meeting our quorum goals.

It was especially convenient for Board Members, who due to work, family and other obligations, could not meet in person. Several Members were so conscientious about participating in our meetings, although out of town, were able to participate in the meeting via ZOOM.

After the pandemic was lifted, NC's were notified that we could/should develop Hybrid meetings. One of our Board Members, Theresa Maysonet, developed a Hybrid system, where not only will our stakeholders continue to participate in meetings, Board Members as well. While visiting one of our Board meetings, DONE representatives were so impressed with our teleconferencing system, they plan to use it as a model for other NC's

Currently there is a downside to the Hybrid/Teleconferencing system for Board Members who are unable to attend in-person meetings. Although we are able to participate in discussions via Zoom, we are unable to vote.

For our October meeting, although rare, we were unable to conduct NC business, due to our inability to reach an in-person quorum, due to illness and other obligations. Some Board Members still have a concern with Covid. The Officials have declared the pandemic over, but the County Health Department states that Covid is on the rise and we are going into Flu season.

If Board Members were allowed teleconference vote NC members could maintain quorum obligations, fully participate in meetings and not have an absence counted against them.

Speaking as an individual Board Member of United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council (UNNC), I whole heartedly request City Council to support the above stated motion.

Respectfully,

Dolores Spears, UNNC Board Member  
Outreach Chairperson

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Supporting virtual meetings should be a priority for NC's. There is very little technology required that most people already own. Please continue to host meetings virtually. There is far less cost related to holding virtual meetings than the costs associated with using physical community or City buildings and all the resources involved in maintaining and making those spaces available.