

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Steven Stanton and I'm a Residential Representative on the Palms Neighborhood Council Board. However, I speak on behalf of myself. The system for teleconferencing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment was pretty intuitive and worked well. As I understand it, DONE has NC Zoom accounts ACTIVE while waiting for the outcome of SB411. Many of the technical issues were worked out during the 3 years of pandemic closures, along with many available digital instructional tutorials and supplemental materials, which we should still have. I think all DONE would have to do is send each NC their Zoom Account access as well as a simple instructional guide in PDF explaining how to log in to our NC account via Zoom and how to run a meeting (management of participants, explaining how to join, etc). The only issue I saw during the pandemic with virtual meetings was during a single candidate forum during the previous election cycle, when an uninformed Council Member running the forum failed to set up the Zoom meeting in a way that prevented "zoom bombers" from crashing the call repeatedly. The issue was remedied by DONE afterward and a new, correctly setup forum was setup at a later date. This could've been prevented by offering a simple guide on setting up a meeting the right way. I think the technical limitations are very small and there's no reason not to proceed with this motion. Any issues that may arise can be dealt with at a case-by-case basis.