

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of this motion. Neighborhood councils should be able to hold virtual meetings in order to accommodate the needs of its board members and the community.

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Name: Roy Payan

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to address City Council agenda: Item #20 and item #28. Item #20 tied to Council File 23-1114, associated with Council File 23-1113, As a person with visual impairment (in plain English, I am blind.) I am offended that these motions even have to be considered instead of automatically ensuring that accessibility for all the public is inculcated into every facet of city business. The US Census states that 1 out of every 5 people in the US has a disability. According to LAalmanac there are 998,000 people with disabilities in LA County and according to RespectAbility.org 453,000 of those are working age adults, with 196,000 of those living within City of Los Angeles limits. Many of us do not drive, so therefore face the added burden of arranging transportation to get to a Neighborhood Council meeting. Virtual attendance many times is our only option. I have attended many NC meetings throughout Los Angeles and can attest to the lack of attendance from members of the various disabled communities, mostly because it has become apparent that we are to be excluded. All one has to do is visit the EmpowerLA website to witness it's inaccessibility for persons who are blind. The City of Los Angeles must begin to attenuate its failure to include the disabled community and provide options for those of us who are unable to attend NC meetings by keeping them available both virtually and in person I urge the Mayor and LA City Council to begin the process to ameliorate the inclusion of persons with disabilities in every facet of business moving forward. Neighborhood Council meetings in the City of Los Angeles should be available for in person attendance as well as virtually online for those members in the community who are unable to attend for any reason. Respectfully, Roy Payan Master in Public Policy for Management and Leadership of Nonprofits Sol Price School of Public Policy University of Southern California rpayan@usc.edu Repayan4197@gmail.com T: (323) 319-8129 Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council Board Member Fellow at RespectAbility.org