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Comments for Public Posting: The public noted how disingenuous it was for Council President Harris-Dawson to attempt to send this Council File resolution back to the Rules Committee where he personally failed to schedule a public hearing on it since March when the motion was first made. He and that Committee had every opportunity to consider the resolution. It is wrong for the Council President to have such power that could thwart the best interests of the City and could rob the public of the opportunity to weigh in on very consequential pending legislation. Hopefully, there can and will be changes to Council rules that allows the will of the majority to be heard in a more timely manner. In addition, a Council President's ability to influence what department staff do by virtue of the power that the Council President has related to budget matters is another troubling issue. A Council President's desire to see a measure expedited can force staff work to be hurried ("or else") and bad measures that are Council President pet projects or interests to be adopted.