

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Councilmembers, I am writing to express deep concern about recent discussions, highlighted by UnrigLA, regarding changes to City Council meeting frequency and public participation. As residents, we rely on the City Charter and Administrative Code to ensure that our local government operates transparently, regularly, and in full public view. Any effort to reduce public access or limit opportunities for engagement undermines the democratic process that our city is obligated to uphold. The possibility of ballot measures that would make our government less transparent is troubling. Voters should never be misled or pressured into approving changes that weaken oversight or restrict civic involvement. Additionally, the practice of counting councilmembers as "yes" votes when they are not physically present in chambers raises serious ethical and procedural concerns. Transparency cannot exist when elected officials are not visible or accountable during the decision-making process. Public comment is a cornerstone of civic participation. It should be expanded, not restricted, so community members can voice their perspectives on issues that affect their neighborhoods and livelihoods. City employees, many of whom are Los Angeles residents, must also be free to participate without fear of retaliation or harassment. Their insights are valuable and deserve protection. Finally, holding council meetings exclusively during standard working hours limits public access. Scheduling at least one regular meeting after typical work hours would allow more residents and city employees to attend, observe, and participate meaningfully. Thank you for your consideration of these concerns and for your commitment to maintaining a transparent and accessible local government. Sincerely, Good Government Advocates