

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

October 24, 2003

To: HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE STAFF

At the City Council meeting held on October 14, 2003, the following matter was referred to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee:

**PUBLIC USE OF AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT  
AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Councilmember Reyes Uranga moved, seconded by Councilmember Lowenthal, that the communication be received and referred to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee for adoption of recommendations to the City Council.

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**Date:** October 14, 2003

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, Seventh District *TRU*

**Subject:** **AGENDA ITEM: Public Use of Audio/Visual Equipment at City Council Meetings**

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Community involvement is one of the Guiding Principles that led to the adoption of the City of Long Beach 2010 Strategic Plan: "We commit ourselves to a continuous civic dialog to build community strength and self-sufficiency." The 2010 Plan further reinforces our Strategy for the Future by acknowledging the strength of our community is in valuing the importance of people: "Every resident and business can have an impact on the future—your ideas and input will craft the decisions that affect your neighborhood and your city."

The City Council meeting is where many of the decisions that affect people's lives are made and are in fact an example of democracy in action. I believe that the public should be provided every opportunity to participate in this decision making process. The use of audio/visual aids should enhance the public's ability to present their concerns to the City Council. The City Council should adopt guidelines for the appropriate use of such equipment for use by the public upon prior request.

**Suggested Action:** Refer to Housing and Neighborhoods Committee for adoption of recommendations to City Council regarding public use of audio/visual equipment at City Council meetings.

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