

**From:** Michelle Baker [mailto:michellebaker199@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:38 AM

**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Cindy Allen <Cindy.Allen@longbeach.gov>; Mary Zendejas <Mary.Zendejas@longbeach.gov>; Stacy Mungo <Stacy.Mungo@longbeach.gov>; Al Austin <Al.Austin@longbeach.gov>; Suely Saro <Suely.Saro@longbeach.gov>; Monique DeLaGarza <Monique.DeLaGarza@longbeach.gov>; Daryl Supernaw <Daryl.Supernaw@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** General comments for City Council Meeting today

**-EXTERNAL-**

**Please submit my written comments in the city council meeting this evening... please attach to the agenda item.**

**Newly enacted state law SB361 explicitly allows this Council to let the public speak to agenda items by telephone and computer connection. The new law explicitly allows meetings that combine in-person testimony with telephone or computer testimony.**

**Other public bodies allow remote or hybrid testimony but Long Beach refuses. For a city that touts its technological advances, this is very concerning. You allow your employees to work from home, but you won't allow the taxpayers to be part of the democratic process. No one ever calls constituents back in District 2 or the mayor's office. You know the city is in dire straits with crime, high taxes, the debacle of Community Hospital and the Queen Mary. You don't want to hear the criticism**

**Also, I refuse to acknowledge Roberto Uranga because a dog abuser should not be on City Council or on Public Safety Committee**

**Sincerely,  
Michelle Baker**

**From:** anngadfly@aol.com [mailto:anngadfly@aol.com]

**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 8:57 PM

**To:** Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; CityAttorney <CityAttorney@longbeach.gov>; Michael Mais <Michael.Mais@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** !!/9/21 Council Meeting Comments

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## **Consent Calendar item #1.**

### **RESOLUTION Section 3.**

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I object to the City's refusal to allow the public to speak at City Council meetings by remote means.

I ask at least one Councilmember to make a motion **to amend the proposed agendized Resolution to restore the public's right to speak on Council agenda items by telephone and/or by computer.**

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Thank you. Ann Cantrell

**From:** Mike Kowal [mailto:mikekowal4you@aol.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:54 AM

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**Subject:** Re: !!/9/21 Council Meeting Comments

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Not only is important that citizens educate and be allowed to engage in the public's business and decision making, their elected representatives must do so also! Apparently our Mayor, council and the city staff have forgotten! Shame on you!

<https://www.docsoffreedom.org/student/readings/responsibilities-of-citizenship>

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On Monday, November 8, 2021, 8:57 PM, [anngadfly@aol.com](mailto:anngadfly@aol.com) <[anngadfly@aol.com](mailto:anngadfly@aol.com)> wrote:

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**From:** Long Beach Accountability Action Group [mailto:updates@laag.us]

**Sent:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 8:52 PM

**To:** Stacy Mungo <Stacy.Mungo@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; CityAttorney <CityAttorney@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

**Cc:** Mail LB Report <mail@lbreport.com>

**Subject:** please agendize a hybrid amendment allowing both in-person and remote public testimony at Council meetings.

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear LB City Govt:

Pursuant to AB 361, signed into law on Sept. 16 by Governor Gavin Newsom, please agendize a hybrid amendment allowing both in-person and remote public testimony at Council meetings. On Oct. 12, the City Council adopted a resolution to implement AB 361 that included sneaky text that tries to avoid giving the public the remote speaking ability that AB 361 envisions. Everything is now being done remotely. The city and residents have the ability to **attend meetings remotely**. Please **make this hybrid arrangement** permanent. Its the right thing to do and the green thing to do cutting down on traffic to city hall just to speak for 2 min. The city is **trying to avoid its obligations under AB 361 and not allowing a hybrid approach** just to stifle public comment. Shame on you

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**From:** Adreana Langston [mailto:AdreanaLangston@calalum.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:38 AM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Please attach this to agenda item 1 for the 11/8/21 City Council meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

*My name is Adreana Langston and I live at in Mary Zandejas district and I'm testifying on Consent Calendar item #1.*

*"Newly enacted state law SB361 explicitly allows this Council to let the public speak to agenda items by telephone or computer connection. The new law explicitly allows meetings that combine in-person testimony with telephone or computer testimony. This is a modest request as it simply restores the public's right to use the technology that the Council previously allowed. Other public bodies allow remote and/or hybrid testimony but Long Beach's Council has thus far refused. Perhaps that's because SB361 gives the public greater speaking rights in remote testimony than this Council and Mayor Garcia allow in person.*

*"I object to the City's refusal to allow the public to speak at City Council meetings by remote means. I ask at least one Councilmember to make a motion, inviting a second, to amend the proposed agendized resolution to restore the public's right to speak on Council agenda items by telephone and/or by computer. SB361 explicitly allows this and the Council can and should restore this in hybrid meeting form. Thank you."*

*Adreand Langston*