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Subject: Agenda item #28

Dear Vice Mayor Andrews,

I just submitted an e-comment as follows:

I feel that it is very undemocratic and un-environmental to make people submit their name in writing to speak on agenda items. It doesn't allow for latecomers and people so moved to say something during an agenda item to sign up. Please eliminate the provision discussed in C. Public Comment for Agenda Items. 1. If you won't eliminate it, then please amend it from "...to the time the Mayor, or other presiding officer, calls for the agenda item to be taken up for consideration. At that time, the speakers list for said agenda item will be closed..." to "...to the time the Mayor, or other presiding officer, calls for the agenda item speakers list to be closed to any further speakers..." or whatever the correct legalese would be.

Unfortunately, I left off a detail and I'm not able to go back and edit the comment: If the language is changed to this, it gives more flexibility to allow for latecomers and spontaneous speaking during the agenda item and the Mayor, or presiding officer, can do a last call of sorts. Keeping it a more democratic process.

Lee Fukui and I understand that meetings run long, but hindering the public is not a good solution. We really hope you'll consider what I'm saying in my eComment and improve the situation.

I (we) ask for this since we have inadvertently been late to City Council meetings, but were able to get there just before the item was brought behind the dais and were still able to get our opinions voiced. This new rule will make our trip to Council a waste of our time if something accidental hinders our getting there before the item begins. That really is not fair.

Thank you,
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