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To: COB
Subject: Board Meeting 1/4 Comment

Hi,

My name is Fiona Murphy, I live in Arcata. I'm not exactly sure what area my comment falls under, but it was prompted by Agenda Item H1, on the possible changes to public comment. My understanding is that that was in part prompted by the overflow of anti-vaccination and public health comments. I realize that the majority of people making comments at meetings are virulently angry and uninformed and I imagine that can make the general public seem against the public health rules. I want to reassure the Supervisors that that is not the majority for most of us. I am horrified, though not overly surprised, by recent comments. Covid is dangerous and public health measures are essential to keeping people alive and able. Please continue to enforce strict public health measures. On the proposed changes to the public comments, I understand and mostly support them. The ability to speak openly to public officials is incredibly important, but in this case, we also need our officials to be able to do their jobs. Even with the limit to time and the change in order, people can email or learn to speak more concisely. I do not find them unreasonable. Thank you for your work and please remember that Covid measures are life saving, by removing them, you raise the chances of people dying. Do not be swayed by anger and disinformation.

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Thank you,
Fiona Murphy
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