

non Agenda

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Subject: Communication restrictions

To the Chair and Members of the Board:

I heard that the public comment time was being limited and reduced. I do not support these changes. The BOS are employees and work for the benefit of those associated with our county. The BOS is not an entity unto itself. The BOS doesn't have its own agenda and meetings and other processes are not set up to serve the pleasure of the BOS and the individuals serving as BOS or support staff.

Communication time and manner should not be constricted for the benefit of the BOS time or ease. It's part of the job; long meetings, angry customers/bosses, working 6.5days/wk, 24hrs a day on call. Buck up or bow out. It's a tough job and I commend those that serve and put the peoples interest as a priority. All peoples' interests, not just the popular ones or those funded with corporate lobbyists.

You all are being paid a salary to attend these meetings. The public must attend on their own unpaid time. Myself and others, may be able to take an hour off during the day to participate in the meeting on-line; half a day or more if we attend in person. With the comment period at the beginning, I can somewhat estimate the time for public comment. When you kick the time to the end, there is no way of knowing if someone can speak at Noon, 2PM, or 7PM, or?. So basically, putting the Public Comment at the end makes it unreasonable and creates undo hardship to participate in our democratic process.

And who, determines "misinformation"? I have a high level of concern that there are those in this community and on this BOS that seem to think they have the real "pro-"information, and that perspectives that are different than theirs are "misinformation". I do not need, want, or rely on politicians or corporations to provide me with truth. They can't, they don't, and no one else can. Information is evolving; as we all see what we thought as correct information 2 years ago has been determined to be invalid. We also have to acknowledge we don't know, what we don't know. Facebook Data Analysts with AA Degrees are knowingly censoring information, along with corporate trade secrets, and government "security" concerns.

Thank you for your attention and support of the democratic process.

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