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Dear Mayor & City Councilmembers--

This is to provide you some background regarding Agenda Item 4 on the March 6 City Council Agenda.

As you may have seen or will see, that item recommends that the City Council rescind its prior actions appointing community members to the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), and includes a resolution that if adopted would accomplish that.

The reason for that recommendation and action item is that now that the Governor's Covid emergency declaration has expired, we are no longer able to rely on the relaxed teleconferencing provisions in the Brown Act to permit members of Brown Act bodies to meet virtually without permitting members of the public to participate in the meeting from their remote location.

By rescinding the Council's appointment actions, and staff inviting the current GPAC members to continue participating as they have, the GPAC participants can continue to meet virtually without violating the Brown Act, because the GPAC will no longer be a Brown Act body. Staff have polled the current GPAC members, and the majority of them have indicated that the ability to meet virtually is important to allow them to continue to participate.

The most important thing to note about this proposed action is that the GPAC's role doesn't change as they are still advisory to Council. We are proposing this cure so we don't lose the members who have invested so much of their time and the continuity of this group is so essential to the success of the General Plan Update. We want to make sure we provide them with as much flexibility as possible.

Note that a "hybrid" meeting would not address the needs of those GPAC members who can't be in person, as that only address public participation.

Staff are not proposing any change in how we support and facilitate the GPAC conversations, how the GPAC meetings are noticed and how other members of the public can attend, or how the GPAC input is treated.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

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