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Hi Kendall,

I hope this email finds you well and your week off to a good start!

I would like to share my comment for this evening's Council meeting in regards to item #4: the current proposal to keep GPAC exclusively on the Zoom Platform.

Resolution Rescinding Resolutions No. 2021-014 and No. 2023-017 N.C.S. Appointing Members to the General Plan Advisory Committee to Allow Members to Volunteer to Continue Serving and Permit Continued Virtual GPAC Meetings Following Rescission of the COVID-19 State of Emergency which Will End the More Permissive AB 361 Teleconference Rules and Finding that this Action is not a "Project" Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5)

I would love to see the City adopt a hybrid method which would allow community volunteers to serve in a more accessible and equitable manner. This hybrid method would be hosting in person meetings for folks who are able to join in person and simultaneously have a large screen capability for folks unable to meet in person to attend remotely, via Zoom. I will volunteer myself as a member of GPAC who would be willing to help navigate this hybrid implementation.

A silver lining of the pandemic is the ease of how we are able to meet, stay agile and flexible and in turn, be inclusive and connected. Adopting a hybrid method for meetings will allow a more diverse body to be involved in serving our community while at the same time allow folks wanting to engage in person to do so. I see it as a both/and situation and not an either/or.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

All the best,

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