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To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Kendall Sawyer](#)
Subject: General Public Comment --- Please resume Zoom meeting access for Commissions/Committees
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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

In a June 2023 City Council meeting, a response about the repeated request for Zoom meeting access for Commission and Committee meetings was an acknowledgment by Councilmember Barnacle of the request (for the first time appreciated), and then a comment about more delay because the City Clerk has resigned and is departing.

In a City the size of Petaluma, over 60,000 residents, and considering other cities in Sonoma County like Santa Rosa (larger) and Sebastopol (smaller), Healdsburg (smaller) and Sonoma (smaller) routinely offer Zoom meeting access to Council and Commission/Committee meetings, we need to provide this service for our residents.

The City of Petaluma cannot claim a priority of equity and not do so. Many senior citizens, families with children, individuals with full professional schedules who also want to participate in the public process, and others whose schedules cannot accommodate physical attendance for up to 6 hours at a meeting need this service.

To give direction to City Management that Zoom meeting access for Commission and Committee meetings needs to occur now, as soon as possible, will also reflect that you as elected officials are considering voters, Petaluma residents, and members of the public as your priority.

This comment again represents a request for resumption of Zoom meeting access for Commission and Committee meetings now.

Sincerely,

Susan Kirks
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