

From: [Bob Burris](#)
To: [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Kindon Meik](#)
Cc: [Michael Russo](#); [Arvin Petros](#); [Yadira Zimmerman](#)
Subject: FW: City Council 4-27-22 meeting - agenda item #9 - Public comments
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 9:05:29 AM

Bcc'd to Council

From: Joe Chilco <joe.chilco@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 6:24 PM
To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>
Cc: Maricela Hernandez <mhernandez@cityofcalabasas.com>
Subject: City Council 4-27-22 meeting - agenda item #9 - Public comments

Mayor Maurer and City Council Members,

With regard to agenda item #9, please consider the following:

In this case, the pandemic changed the way our City government conducts business for the better, as far as facilitating and increasing public participation.

You can participate from anywhere if you have your laptop, tablet or cell phone with you. That includes when out of the city, state or country.

You don't appear on camera and you can read from your notes.

You can adjust the volume and you can see the PowerPoint presentation materials when screen sharing more clearly.

You are on mute unless you choose to speak. This allows you to multitask while listening in. You don't have to sit through the entire meeting.

Driving at night presents vision and safety challenges for some people who would otherwise participate.

Necessity is the mother of invention – our ingenuity in adapting during the pandemic has proven that.

Mayor Maurer has voiced her intention to look for ways to foster public participation.

I strongly encourage the City Council to continue to support hybrid/in-person

meetings using a platform like ZOOM.

Thank you.

Joe Chilco
Calabasas resident
(address on file)

From: [Bob Burris](#)
To: [Maricela Hernandez](#)
Cc: [Michael Russo](#); [Arvin Petros](#); [Yadira Zimmerman](#)
Subject: FW: Discussion and direction regarding hybrid/in-person City Council meetings
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 9:54:25 AM

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From: jaycee64@aol.com <jaycee64@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 9:44 AM
To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>
Subject: RE: Discussion and direction regarding hybrid/in-person City Council meetings

Good morning,

Please forward this letter to the City Council in reference to 4/27 City Council Meeting agenda item: **9. Discussion and direction regarding hybrid/in-person City Council meetings**

As an active participant in my community and City, I believe that hybrid meetings should permanently become part of the format for all City meetings going forward. There are many positives to embracing a hybrid meeting format, I highlight these:

- Remote participation provides additional access to public meetings which helps to engage the community.
- Evening meetings, that can last several hours, can be a barrier to getting people to attend in person and participate.
- The ability to see the presentations and hear all the speakers is significantly enhanced on the virtual feed, a major improvement overall.
- The hybrid format has been widely accepted during the pandemic and has shown to be a tool that people will use from their own devices

Thank you for reviewing my points and supporting the continuation of hybrid City meetings.
Jacy Shillan
Long time Calabasas Resident

From: [Bob Burris](#)
To: [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#)
Cc: [Michael Russo](#); [Arvin Petros](#); [Yadira Zimmerman](#)
Subject: FW: letter to be read at meeting tonight 9. Discussion and direction regarding hybrid/in-person City Council meetings
Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 10:49:01 AM

Bcc'd to Council

From: Maricela Hernandez <mhernandez@cityofcalabasas.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 10:18 AM
To: Bob Burris <bburris@cityofcalabasas.com>
Subject: Fwd: letter to be read at meeting tonight 9. Discussion and direction regarding hybrid/in-person City Council meetings

Bob, for distribution.

Thanks!

Mari Hernandez, MMC, CPMC
City Clerk
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "M.Albright" <SunnyCalifornia76@protonmail.com>
Date: April 27, 2022 at 10:14:26 AM PDT
To: Maricela Hernandez <mhernandez@cityofcalabasas.com>
Subject: letter to be read at meeting tonight 9. Discussion and direction regarding hybrid/in-person City Council meetings
Reply-To: "M.Albright" <SunnyCalifornia76@protonmail.com>

Hi City Council,

Why is this on your agenda this week? Has this council not participated in tracking the exponential surge that is current happening in our zip code? In person meetings, now? That wouldn't be very smart!!!! Why would council now, in this month, even discuss or allow anyone to go back in person, as we are in the middle of a major spike in Calabasas. Wouldn't that make Calabasas the city with the worst timing on the planet?

If our council wants to sit together for some reason, go for it, but not this quarter!!! That would put the people that now would feel obligated to follow you, the people who work for calabasas, some of our first responders who come to our meetings, at

risk because they'd feel they should mirror your choice. I'm part of a group that tracks the data, and I'm sorry folks, no one should be in person inside for "optional" events where there is another way, in the next 6 weeks.

We hope and understand we have a good chance that this surge will recede quickly, but you need to wait until that point. This pandemic will end and will die out, why throw in the towel when it comes to public safety now, just be a little more patient. We are still seeing vaccinated and boosted individuals getting quite sick in our zip code, and it's no fun to lose 10 days to bedrest because of a council meeting and it's even worse if you expose yourselves, your workers, your visitors and the public to long haul covid, which while rare, is happening for some now, including the vaccinated. Council has a responsibility to act in the better interest of us, your voters, to look at the timing and not make a silly decision during the most severe Covid spread period we've had in over a year.

Stay on Zoom, reconsider in Sept. That is what the science clearly suggests. If this clears up earlier, you can always change your mind.

Thank you for protecting me and my my children.

Harper

PS Calabasas though must provide hybrid meetings for public in the future, you cannot put the genie back in the bottle. It saves time for your guests, keeps people off the road, is good for environment, is efficient, proven to encourage much more public participation, is kinder to your voters who can join for one item vs having to sit for hours in a room. Calabasas must keep up with the other cities; there is no question you will need to be ready to be hybrid at some point as a standard offering

From: [Bob Burris](#)
To: [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Kindon Meik](#)
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Subject: FW: hybrid city meetings
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Bcc'd to Council

From: Luresa G Byrne <byrne1o1@pacbell.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 6:32 PM
To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>
Subject: hybrid city meetings

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

Please consider keeping the 'hybrid' meetings going for City Council/Planning Commission meetings and any other meetings that are open to the public. I have heard you say that transparency and public participation are important aspects of local government, so it only makes good sense that you would continue to keep meetings clearly accessible and available for public attendance and participation .

So many individuals are unable to attend "live" or "in-person" meetings and have found the Zoom meetings a solution. Those individuals who wish to attend in-person should certainly be allowed to do so, but please, do not start limiting access for your public/residents/constituents/etc..

Thank-you for your consideration,

Luresa Poe-Byrne