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**Subject:** Item 6 Correspondence

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**Subject:** For City Council re: Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1837

Dear City Councilmembers,

I wanted to take this time to provide my opinion on the 2/8 meeting agenda item #6, Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-1837. As a Commissioner on the Environmental Commission (currently the Chair) in person meetings would return engagement at the meetings to pre pandemic levels. This is beneficial for all commissioners, speakers and meeting guests. Additionally, we must keep a hybrid component such as Zoom in line with what the Council meetings are doing. Allowing our community to participate from their homes/offices via Zoom allows for the inclusiveness we have all come to know in these last three years. A hybrid solution to all Commission meetings is what's needed as it's the new normal.

In another commission meeting related issue, our Commission was recently informed that due to staffing issues we cannot conduct more than the public quarterly meetings (and one special meeting) annually at this time. Our Commission every year is involved in three public community events (this year with our 2/23 Forum we have four), a children's coloring contest and the Carl Gibbs Award. This is in addition to any environmental topics and we meet only every three months. The request for additional full commission meetings for Q1 and Q2 was to be able to participate at a higher level to make what we do even more successful. With the meeting schedule that way it's been set up, we hardly have time to address the annual events much less get involved in our City's environmental issues in a timely manner. Sub committees help fill the gap, but they are limited in involvement and information sharing. If there is ever an opportunity to review how the Environmental Commission could better serve our City and Community, I would be happy to be a part of that sub committee.

Sincerely,  
Jacy Shillan