

## Maricela Hernandez

---

**Subject:** FW: City Council 9-13-23 meeting - agenda item #5 - Public comments

**From:** Joe Chilco <[joe.chilco@gmail.com](mailto:joe.chilco@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 9:15 PM

**To:** info <[info@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:info@cityofcalabasas.com)>

**Subject:** City Council 9-13-23 meeting - agenda item #5 - Public comments

Mayor Shapiro and City Councilmembers:

I have a few questions and comments regarding the proposed City Council protocols (agenda item #5).

The following provision is proposed to be deleted regarding Commissions:

“Commissions and boards are expected to make specific recommendations on matters brought before them, and not merely to pass them on to the City Council for final decision.”

Question: Why is this proposed to be deleted? Isn't this an important function of the City Commissions, particularly the Planning Commission?

The following provisions are proposed to be added regarding Public Meetings:

1. “Items shall not return to City Council unless there has been substantial change and it is requested by a member of the original majority vote.”

Questions: How is “substantial change” to be defined? Who shall determine this? It shouldn't be subjective. Do the needs of the residents qualify as a “substantial change”?

2. “In order to avoid repetition and to promote thorough and thoughtful arguments, one member of the public who is present in Council Chambers may cede their time to another speaker (six minutes maximum).”

Comment: If participation by Zoom is allowed, please clarify why it's necessary for the speaker(s) to have to be present in Council Chambers?

Thank you for your consideration and clarification of the above.

Joe Chilco  
Calabasas resident  
(address on file)