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Hello Ms. Hadden,

Will sent in statements be read aloud during the meeting? It is important that the public know what the public is speaking and concerned about. If the only people who are going to see this are staff and commissioners, not much point.

So, Ms Haden, assuming they will allow you to respond, what is the fate of this communication I am sending you? Will it be read aloud at the meeting or is this just a waste of time?

Thanks!!

John Ullom

Commissioner Chang Kiraly is afraid she wouldn't be able to make it to LAFCo meetings on time. So, she demanded accommodation.

Commissioner Zemke is afraid of Coastside Roads and the dark. So, he insisted meeting occur during daylight hours.

Commissioner Slater-Carter is afraid her constituents would be confused if meetings were held on any day other than the third Wednesday of the month. So, she voted for a 10 AM start time.

Commissioner Chang Kiraly was afraid that if she didn't vote for an item that she had a conflict of interest with, it would fail to pass due to a lack of a quorum. So, she voted for an item that only benefitted her, regardless the appearance of impropriety.

Mr. Pruettt is afraid somebody might say something hurtful. So, he banned public speaking by Zoom attendees.

I am afraid that when we restrict our rights, freedoms, and privileged due to fear, the bad guys almost always win.

In the case of the Harbor District and its collective fears, the bad guys are winning. The commitment of this board to public participation is shameful. Your policy choices are driven by fear.