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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 2, 2023 11:00 AM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: Discontinuation of Zoom Meetings for City Council

**From:** kate healy <kate@jrdb.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 11:06 AM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** Discontinuation of Zoom Meetings for City Council

Greetings City Council Members,

I was saddened to receive the email stating that the City Council was discontinuing Zoom meetings. While I understand the Council's decision to "end the proclaimed Covid 19 State of Emergency", I do not understand why the City Council is ending something that allowed for greater accessibility to Council Meetings.

I think everyone can agree that there is a greater need for participation in city government. I think we can agree that residents in Huntington Beach should have access to City Council and City meetings. I think we can agree that the City Council Members would like those who elected them to participate to the best of their abilities.

I wonder if the City Council Members have considered those residents in Huntington Beach who have limited mobility or a physical disability that prevents them from attending meetings in person. I wonder if the City Council Members have considered those residents in Huntington Beach who don't have the physical means to easily get to the meetings in person (maybe they don't have a car, money for public transportation or gas). I wonder if the City Council Members have considered those residents in Huntington Beach who work and have time to Zoom in for a City Council Meeting, but don't have the time to leave work early enough to drive back to Huntington Beach to attend in person.

The reasons why City Council Meetings should continue to be as accessible to all Huntington Beach Residents are endless, and I think all the Council Members want accessibility... so I ask you to reconsider your decision to end Zooming. It seems like a symbolic act to end the Zooming, and it seems like Council didn't think to consider those who benefitted from that accessibility. There are those who for the first time were able to participate in a meeting from their desks at work, from their wheelchair in their apartment, from their child's soccer game or even from their phone at an airport.

I implore you to consider who, if anyone, and how, if not their ego, is harmed from a City Council meeting being Zoomed? And, consider those who have been able to attend a City Council meeting for the first time because of the added accessibility Zooming had to offer? I think the benefits of continuing Zoom far outweigh any reasons to end it.

-Kate Healy  
-resident since 1993  
-business owner in HB since 1984  
-mother of 4  
-Scoutmaster in Pacifica BSA District

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-human who believes that everyone should and can participate in city government

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Kate Healy

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[kate@jrdb.org](mailto:kate@jrdb.org)

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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 2, 2023 11:09 AM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: Bad Decision New City Council

**From:** Buffie Channel <hbbuffie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 5:24 PM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** Bad Decision New City Council

Dear NEW City Council members,

This seems like discrimination against disabled, elderly, immunocompromised, and those in the community that fear the crazy rabid violent vocal minority in this city that make threats against people that don't think exactly like them. Bad decision. I hope you realize that you are taking away the opportunity for some to voice their opinions and provide input. I thought you were all for transparency!? Huh. Weird.

Making it harder for the citizens that you made big promises to to be involved with their city council seems antithetical to what you ran on.

It's almost as if you don't want citizens' input by making it HARDER, not EASIER, to participate. Doesn't seem very inviting or transparent to us.

Maybe you don't want people questioning the logic of giving Mr. Gates a gigantic raise - more than the Los Angeles City Attorney makes?

Maybe you don't want the nice folks from the mobile home parks who are mostly elderly to question your campaign donation sources?

Maybe you don't want people to question why you immediately made it easier for corporate big money donors to support your campaigns by raising contribution limits - and making it harder for the little guy to run who just wants to make life better for their city by serving with no corporate overlords?

Seems discriminatory and antithetical to promoting an environment of more participation from the citizenry you claim to want to represent.

We're paying attention.

Sincerely,  
Buffie Channel  
34 year resident

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**From:** Ed Evans <ed.evans@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 4:50 PM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** RE: City of HB to Discontinue Use of Zoom for Public Meetings

City Council,

Even though you declared an end to the state of emergency, why are you discontinuing this practice? The simple fact that you declared an end to the emergency should not, in and of itself, mark the end to this additional way for citizens to interact with their local government.

Has continuing on with remote interactive access been considered? If so, and if the notion has been rejected, why?

Thanks!

Ed Evans  
Long Time HB Resident

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**From:** City of Huntington Beach <[notificationalert@huntingtonbeachca.gov](mailto:notificationalert@huntingtonbeachca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 4:41 PM  
**To:** [ed.evans@live.com](mailto:ed.evans@live.com)  
**Subject:** City of HB to Discontinue Use of Zoom for Public Meetings



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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 2, 2023 1:02 PM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: Remote cc meetings

-----Original Message-----

From: M'Liss Jaso <poly261968@icloud.com>  
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 12:59 PM  
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: Remote cc meetings

Why are you taking away citizens right to participate remotely? I think it's a good way to be involved. Please reconsider. M'Liss Jaso

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 2, 2023 1:02 PM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT- Pride Flag must keep on flying!!!!

**From:** Sharon Whittaker <sharonmariewhittaker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 2, 2023 12:57 PM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** URGENT- Pride Flag must keep on flying!!!!

I disagree with the movement to stop flying the PRIDE flag in June. The LGBTQ+ community is part of every community, including Huntington Beach and the PRIDE flag is a symbol of unity and acceptance. I ask that you keep flying the PRIDE flag, to show that Huntington Beach is an accepting, inclusive and safe city for their LGBTQ+ residents and all of those who visit here.

Sincerely,

Sharon Whittaker  
949-294-6899

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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 2, 2023 1:03 PM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: 23-11932 Remote Citizen Participation at Public Meetings

-----Original Message-----

From: tarrik and paula Shawa <tpshawa@mac.com>  
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 12:27 PM  
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: 23-11932 Remote Citizen Participation at Public Meetings

Dear Council

Please approve the above so that you can receive feedback and comments from more HB citizens.

Thank you.

Tarrik Shawa

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