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Correspondence

Meeting of August 31, 2010

- a. **Correspondence**
 1. Placement of Public Comment Period on Agenda
 - a. Ann Dufour, Co-Director WMW Mercy Associates
 - b. Elaine Bickford, Retired teacher
 - c. Dr. David H. Warren
 - d. Larry Dunphy
 - e. Adrian Jasper
 - f. Dave and Leann Cooke
 - g. Mary Louise Walter
 - h. Lola Acosta, President-LWV of Sacramento County
- b. **eComment - attached**

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Dawn Bullwinkel

From: Shirley Concolino
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2010 9:00 AM
To: Council-All
Cc: Dawn Bullwinkel
Subject: FW: City Council mtg agenda

Fyi

From: ADufour910@aol.com [mailto:ADufour910@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 4:23 PM
To: Shirley Concolino
Subject: City Council mtg agenda

Dear S. Concolino,
Please share this message with the Mayor and all council members.

City Council Members: To facilitate public participation at the City Council meetings, thank you for considering to move public comment to the start of the agenda of the City Council meeting.

Thank you.

Ann

"It's up to us to discover the graces and blessings in ordinary life." ~ Anonymous

Ann Dufour
Co-Director WMW Mercy Associates
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916-689-2611

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Dawn Bullwinkel

From: Shirley Concolino
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2010 8:56 AM
To: Council-All
Cc: Dawn Bullwinkel
Subject: FW: Public comment period

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From: Elaine Bickford [mailto:artlovr32@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 8:12 PM
To: Shirley Concolino
Subject: Public comment period

Please thank the Mayor and City Council members for their decision to reconsider allowing public comments to be heard at the beginning of the meetings rather than after all other business has been heard. I believe this is the right thing to do and represents a victory for participatory democracy.

Sincerely,

Elaine Bickford
Retired teacher

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Dawn Bullwinkel

From: Shirley Concolino
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2010 8:56 AM
To: Council-All
Cc: Dawn Bullwinkel
Subject: FW: From Dr. David H. Warren

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From: DhW633@aol.com [mailto:Dhw633@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 8:55 PM
To: Shirley Concolino
Subject: From Dr. David H. Warren

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for reconsidering when citizens may speak at Council Meetings. I am not disabled nor I homeless. I am a citizen of this city and have been for 43 years. There are many older people who would enjoy adding their expertise or counsel to your meetings -- they cannot stay up forever waiting to vote. Please don't take out your wrath on older citizens that have supported this city for so long. You may not like to hear all the messages that you hear -- but we do belong to a democracy -- of the people, for the people. We have a right to be heard. Time limits on what we say can be a help to you -- I suggest two or three minutes, certainly no more than 5 minutes. People can prepare what they want to say. Or they could write one page and it could be read to the council.

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Most sincerely,

Dr. David H. Warren
6298 South Land Park Drive
Sacramento, CA 95831

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Dawn Bullwinkel

From: Shirley Concolino
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 2:49 PM
To: Clerk-Everyone
Cc: Dawn Bullwinkel
Subject: FW: Public Testimony

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From: Larry Dunphy [mailto:dunlaphy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 2:43 PM
To: Shirley Concolino
Subject: Public Testimony

Please distribute this to Mayor and all Council members.

Thank you for reconsidering the public testimony at the beginning of Council Meetings. This is essential to give all citizens an opportunity to be heard. The Council should be a Representative democracy and all need to be heard.

Thank you for restoring the public testimony to the beginning. Fr. Larry Dunphy, OFM

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Dawn Bullwinkel

From: Shirley Concolino
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 1:06 PM
To: Council-All
Cc: Dawn Bullwinkel
Subject: FW: Thanks

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From: Adrian Jasper [mailto:missadrian@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 11:25 AM
To: Shirley Concolino
Subject: Thanks

Greetings.

Thank you for the decision to allow the public to address their concerns at the beginning of city council meetings. This is no small matter, as the silencing of the people is a form of oppression, and an attack on democracy. Though it may be uncomfortable/unpleasant to hear peoples truths, the job of leadership is to represent and serve the people - and use their input to shape policy. The public voice is to *steer* your concious, not repulse it.

Thanks!

Adrian

Dawn Bullwinkel

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From: Shirley Concolino
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 1:05 PM
To: Council-All
Cc: Dawn Bullwinkel
Subject: FW: Public Comments

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

From: David Cooke [mailto:dlcooke5@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 11:44 AM
To: Shirley Concolino
Subject: Public Comments

I would like to thank the City Council and would ask that they put Public Comments at the beginning of the meetings. Please pass this request on to the Mayor and City Council. Thank you.

Sincerely, Dave & Leann Cooke

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Dawn Bullwinkel

From: Shirley Concolino
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 1:05 PM
To: Council-All
Cc: Dawn Bullwinkel
Subject: FW: proposed time for public to address Council
Attachments: --static--hills_bottom.jpg

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From: mary louise walter [mailto:marylouisew@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 11:59 AM
To: Shirley Concolino
Subject: proposed time for public to address Council

I am so pleased that the council is reconsidering the placement of the public's time to address the council to the beginning of the agenda.

Providing time at the beginning of each meeting, certainly allows better access for citizens to have a voice in issues of concern.

I can't imagine having to wait for hours in the evening for the opportunity to speak.

Please forward this note to the members of the City Council and to Mayor Johnson.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Louise Walter

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Dawn Bullwinkel

From: Shirley Concolino
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 4:32 PM
To: Dawn Bullwinkel
Subject: Fwd: Letter: Limiting Public Input Early in Council Meetings
Attachments: Letter-Limiting Public Input Early 8-24-10.pdf; ATT00001.htm

-Shirley Concolino

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: <lolaa@winfirst.com>
Date: August 24, 2010 4:27:12 PM PDT
To: <SConcolino@cityofsacramento.org>
Subject: Letter: Limiting Public Input Early in Council Meetings

Ms. Concolino, would you please share the attached letter with Mayor Johnson and City Council members. Thanks in advance for your help.

Lola Acosta, President
LWV of Sacramento County



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August 24, 2010

Mayor Kevin Johnson and Council Members
City Hall
Sacramento

RE: City Council Decision Limiting Early Public Comment

Dear Mayor Johnson and City Council Members,

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Sacramento, League of Women Voters is disappointed with the recent decision to trail the "Public Forum/Public Comment" portion of the City Council agenda to the end of the meeting. The Brown Act requirement to allow citizens to bring important items, which do not otherwise appear on the agenda, to the attention of the Council is an essential component of a representative democracy. This decision means it may now be impossible for you to hear legitimate concerns from those whom you represent because some of us may not be able to wait through a lengthy Council meeting for the opportunity to speak at a very late hour. Those dependent on public transit must catch the last bus/train by 9 p.m.

League of Women Voters proposes an alternative course of action that allows the City to comply with the intent of the Brown Act as well as just the letter of the law. If the City wishes to avoid long delays at the beginning of the meeting because of the public forum agenda item, then it can do so fairly, through the effective control of the meeting by the Mayor. Under the Brown Act, the presiding officer may limit the total number of speakers and the total time allocated for any agenda item. The League suggests that each speaker be allowed 3 minutes with a total time not to exceed 12 minutes at the beginning of the meeting. If additional time is needed to accommodate a larger number of speakers, then the "overflow" can be trailed to the end of the meeting.

Please consider this alternative because it will enhance fairness with a very tiny time cost at the beginning of the meeting. We urge the City Council to reevaluate its decision to push back the "Public Forum/Public Comment" to a time when most citizens will not be able to avail themselves of their rights under the law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lola Acosta". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial "L".

Lola Acosta, President
League of Women Voters of Sacramento County

City Council [Closed Session Starts at 5:00 P.M.]

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Top Discussion Item

Agenda Item	Position %
8. Agreement: Evidence Impound Towing and Storage Services Total Number of Comments: 1	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support 0% </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose 0% </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> None 100% </div> </div>

Public Comments Summary

Opinion	Agenda Item	Support	Oppose	None	Total
—	8. Agreement: Evidence Impound Towing and Storage Services	0	0	1	1
X	13. Supplemental Agreement: Sacramento Track Relocation Project (PN: T15029000/T15029005)	0	1	0	1
—	Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda	0	0	1	1
Total					3

Public Comments Details

Agenda Item	Support	Oppose	None	Total
8. Agreement: Evidence Impound Towing and Storage Services	0	0	1	1
Muriel Strand auntym@earthlink.net 4208 Norton District 5	impound charges are an unfair economic burden on those who need cars for work. failure to work typically results in homelessness, an expense for the city.			None 8/31/2010

Sacramento CA	these charges should be sliding scale.	—
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Agenda Item	Support	Oppose	None	Total
13. Supplemental Agreement: Sacramento Track Relocation Project (PN: T15029000/T15029005)	0	1	0	1
Muriel Strand auntym@earthlink.net 4208 Norton District 5 Sacramento CA	this track relocation project is a waste of money. rescind it if you can.			Oppose 8/31/2010 

Agenda Item	Support	Oppose	None	Total
Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda	0	0	1	1
Muriel Strand auntym@earthlink.net 4208 Norton District 5 Sacramento CA	at one time, joe serna arranged for such comments to be phoned in at the end. if one issue or particular interest group takes a lot of time with nonagenda comments at the beginning, perhaps an agenda item on that topic would be appropriately placed later in the agenda.			None 8/31/2010 —

