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Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 2:10 PM

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Cc: Nicol, Colleen <CNicol@riversideca.gov>; Zelinka, Al <azelinka@riversideca.gov>

Subject: [External] Videotaping at city committee meetings

Dear Riverside City Council Members,

I have become aware of the fact that some important city committee meetings are not being properly videotaped for accurate reflection of the business conducted. Videotaping is critical (vs. audio taping) to gain the full impact of the dialogue and non-verbal communication while important city business is being conducted.

I wish to add my voice to previous requests that important city committee meetings be videotaped, especially those held in the Mayor's Ceremonial Room and the City Council chambers. It is important that the equipment is operational, queued up, and a quality recording be made. A 360 degree camera vs stationary cameras would capture all the participants in the room as well. It is important that the result reflects the meeting as if the viewer were present.

Thank you for listening to my request and I look forward to a positive response.

Sincerely,

Susan Fahrney, MPH

Ward 1 and long-time city resident

Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

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From: Linda Baker [mailto:mamabaker51@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 4:26 PM
To: Nicol, Colleen <CNicol@riversideca.gov>
Cc: Perry, Jim <JPerry@riversideca.gov>; Zelinka, Al <azelinka@riversideca.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: All City Charter meetings and committee meetings should be videotaped with high quality equipment

I feel all meetings should be videotaped if you want to remain "transparent". Linda Baker

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 28, 2019, at 7:56 AM, Nicol, Colleen <CNicol@riversideca.gov> wrote:
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> Good morning, Linda
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> The Charter Review Committee met only once so far. That meeting was audio taped only. The Committee feels transparency and accessibility to them is important and discussed the possibility of video and live feed of their meetings. Their only concern was affordability and availability of staff. I committed to find out and report back to them at the next meeting. Turns out, it's not very expensive as they are meeting in the MCR and there is available staff.
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> The next meeting on February 11 will be broadcast live, as will all other meetings held in that room. They plan on some community meetings, too. I am still investigating if video of those makes sense.
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> Thanks for reaching out and for your interest in the Committee's work.
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> Colleen J. Nicol, MMC
> City Clerk
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Linda Baker [mailto:mamabaker51@gmail.com]
> Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2019 6:10 PM
> To: Perry, Jim <JPerry@riversideca.gov>; Zelinka, Al <azelinka@riversideca.gov>; Nicol, Colleen <CNicol@riversideca.gov>
> Subject: [External] All City Charter meetings and committee meetings should be videotaped with high quality equipment
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> Thank you. Linda Baker
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Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 1:39 PM

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Subject: [External] meetings and the public record

Good day, I am writing to express my concern that the public record is less than complete. I have noticed many meetings are held but not completely recorded or poor quality recordings are made. I urge you to take action to ensure all public meetings subject to the Brown Act are video and audio recorded in high quality such that, when the public accesses the recordings they are clearly understandable to the average viewer and faithfully document the meeting in its entirety.