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FW: [External] RE: Apology to the Committee

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Greeting Chairman Clymer and Fellow Committee Members.

As a follow-up to the apologetic email from our Committee Chair, I have elected to chime in on the subject.

The highbred meeting, we experienced on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 was indeed an interesting experience, and one that posed some interesting questions and thus triggered some suggestions.

First, it was a bit difficult to meet in person with 3 of my fellow committee members, while at the same time focus on our electronic devices. For me personally, it was a extra challenge to focus on my smart phone using its accessibility feature to listen and speak with committee members virtually. This caused some disruption.

Nevertheless, since this was our first attempt to get back to in-person meetings, I give it a B- Grade.

Although I am looking forward to our next CRC Meeting in June, I am suggesting that this next gathering be revised as follows:

1. That those attending in person can do so without their electronic devices.
2. That the Chair of the Committee utilize his electronic device on speaker so that those in attendance can hear and communicate with committee members, staff and the public who are attending the meeting virtually.
3. I would like to obtain council From the City Attorney in order to avoid any Brown Act violation that this may cause.
4. Last, but not least, suggestion is to use The Zoom Platform. From an accessibility standpoint, this product is more user friendly for use by persons blind/visually impaired.

Respectfully, Pete Benavidez, CRC Committee Member