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Mayor Vinatieri and Councilmembers,

Please move to in-persons meetings and public comment only, for the following reasons.

1. When residents like or don't like what is happening in the city it's important residents can have face-to-face discussions with council members. Remote meetings means that if you don't want to hear in-person what residents want to say you don't have to face them because you can just turn off your computer speakers. That doesn't happen in person, you have to hear what we have to say. It works both ways.

2. Who is really providing comments in our meetings. Is it residents who actually live here, or people that used to live here and want to voice opinions on matters that are no longer applicable to them. If they are in-person we would know.

3. People are 'internet-brave', people can be mean online but kind in-person. What's going to happen when a radical person starts saying sexist, racist things online that are protected by the 1st amendment? We've already had the KKK blanket flyers in the guise of night, what's to stop them from spewing their hatred online that everyone has to hear?

4. Self-promotion. People self-promote their agendas instead of talking about what is on the meeting, it's an abuse on what the intent of a public meeting is.

5. People claiming that it's unsafe for in-person meetings, they have other options to participate, it doesn't stop them from going to the grocery store, why should this be different? They can wear protective equipment if they want in person or send an email.

6. Can people be paid to call in and say they are Whittier residents to make it seem like they are in-favor of a project? In past meetings we've seen developers have people call in to support their projects under the guise that they "want to move to Whittier" and this type of project is what is needed to move in.

Lets get back to normal, we can't live in fear or in the unknown.

Craig