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From: Lindsay Pinkham <lindsaypinkham@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3:13 PM
To: Bates, Portland
Subject: DEI Committee Meetings

My name is Lindsay Pinkham. As an over 30 year resident of El Segundo, I was pleased and proud when a DEI Committee was finally formed. However, why did you stop recording the meetings? And if you're going to hold them in person, I don't think a bar or the police department are appropriate places. Can you find somewhere more neutral, like a conference room in city hall or the public library or a school?

Please begin recording the meetings again.



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From: Jan Lebow <z2hebu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3:28 PM
To: Bates, Portland
Subject: Public Comment Regarding Recording DEI Committee Meetings

My name is Jan Zoochie and I have been a property owner and resident of El Segundo for 23 years. Transparency is a vital aspect of good governance, and I am alarmed by the fact that the City, without explanation, has stopped recording DEI Committee meetings. Recording those meetings is a way for citizens to know and to interpret for themselves what took place in any given session; it is also a means by which those who are unable to attend in person can stay informed. The DEI Committee is charged with making important policy recommendations that will affect El Segundo residents/students/business owners and visitors --- thus we have a right to unobstructed access of their meetings.

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From: Anya Goldstein <anya@summallp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Bates, Portland
Subject: DEI Committee Public Comment

Good afternoon,

My name is Anya Goldstein. I am an El Segundo resident.

Like others you will be hearing from today, I support the DEI Committee and your commitment to make El Segundo a more welcoming place for all.

I was impressed and grateful that, in line with your mission, your initial meetings were held via Zoom and recorded -- allowing for transparency and full participation for community members who were unable to attend in person because of the COVID-19 pandemic or for other reasons.

However, your last several meetings have either not been recorded, or not been available for attendance via Zoom, or both.

I urge you, as the committee tasked with ensuring *inclusion* in our town, to return to accessibility for all who may not be able to attend these meetings in person for any reason including, but not limited to, health, economic, or family-related obligations.

Thank you.

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From: Marissa L <marissaland01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:11 PM
To: Bates, Portland
Subject: Please resume recording DEI meetings for those who can't attend in person

Hi,
My name is Marissa Land, and I've been a resident of El Segundo for 12 years. I'm happy that the city created a DEI Committee to make El Segundo a more welcoming place. I am concerned that the meetings stopped being recorded. This causes lack of accessibility for those who can't attend in person, which runs counter to the spirit of any DEI's mission. It also sends a message that the city doesn't want to provide transparency into the important work the DEI committee is doing. I hope you'll continue recording these meetings so they're accessible to everyone and not just the people who can attend in person. Thank you.

Marissa