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From: [Frank Martin](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comments Item #3 - February 28 council meeting
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 8:14:30 AM

I completely agree with Roberta Philips comments.

Frank Martin

Dear Council Members

On the Consent Calendar Item #3, you are asked to rescind the Los Altos Open Government Policy. Please pull this item for discussion.

The Policy is there "...to instill public confidence and increase transparency"

There are sections that are very important that should not be eliminated.

Section 2 : Posting of the Agendas allows time for the public to read agendas and reports 8 calendar days ahead of regular council meetings and post them on the city website.

Section 4 addresses recording of meetings and retention of recordings. Many residents look at recordings of meetings after and want to keep that ability.

Section 5 describes the Index of City Records. It is used by city staff, and the general public to learn and keep informed about city agencies, task forces, commissions and elected officials

Section 6 addresses requests for Public Records. These should be tracked as described in section 6.

I can't imagine that your desire is to reduce transparency and confidence from the public. It seems as though you are throwing away the baby with the bath water.

Please consider a revision of the Open Government Policy if some sections are no longer needed but keep what is valuable to the public

Sincerely

Roberta Phillips



<https://www.losaltosca.gov/citycouncil/page/open-government-policy>

From: [Bill Hough](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public comment on agenda item #3 on 2/28/2023 agenda
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 5:09:30 PM

I oppose this attempt to rescind the Los Altos Open Government Policy and terminate the City Council Legislative Subcommittee and the Council Open Government Subcommittee. This Policy exists "...to instill public confidence and increase transparency" and removing it will only encourage cynicism of government. This action will reduce transparency and wipe out confidence from the public. People don't believe anything government says, don't encourage this belief.

Bill Hough
resident and taxpayer of Los Altos