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Subject: Item #3 Feb23 Council meeting / Rescind the Los Altos Open Government Policy
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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: [Pat Marriot](#)
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Council Members:

I'm wondering why you would rescind the Open Government Policy vs. updating it. If there are sections that are not compliant with state law or other problems, fix them.

Transparency, public confidence, posting agendas, public records access are critically important.

What are residents left with if you revoke the entire policy?

Pat Marriott