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Begin forwarded message:

From: Marie Young <marieyoung120@gmail.com>
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Subject: Letter in response to Councilmember Lee Eng's article in July 5 issue of Los Altos Town Crier

July 7, 2023

Honorable Mayor Sally Meadows, Vice-Mayor Jonathan Weinberg, and Members of the Los Altos City Council (Council),

We agree with Council member Lee Eng in her Town Crier article of July 5 that resident participation in local government is critical and that transparency is crucial to encourage engagement. However, it's not enough to **say** one believes in transparency; elected officials must also **act** transparently, and in this instance Council member Lee Eng falls short as there are important inaccuracies and omissions in her Town Crier piece: She does not explain that the Open Government policy was rescinded unanimously by the Council at its June 27 meeting since most items were either removed or already covered by recently revised Council norms. Councilmember Lee Eng is also critical of the change that members of the public can no longer remove an item from the consent calendar, but in fact, any member of the public can ask a council member to do so, as they have done in the past.

We support Council's unanimous decision to rescind the Open Government Policy due to

redundancy of Council Norms and to improve the efficiency of our city's decision-making.

Los Altos Community Voices Steering Committee

Robin Abrams, Kim Cranston, Cathy Lazarus, Bill Sheppard, Marie Young