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City Clerk, please read this doing public comment for this item. Thank you.

Mayor and Council,

The letter by Councilmember Jain to limit or inhibit the ability for any member of the public to provide feedback and engage the City is pretty outrageous. To see an elected official want to directly limit the ability for the public to engage the city council and the city government is disappointing...very much a pattern of the old council and Mayor attitudes of 2006-2010. The arrogance and self-centered view Councilmember Jain has is really untenable. Councilmember Jain, why do you think only residents have concerns that need to be heard by the City? Maybe there should be limits to how many Written Petitions a councilmember can have since they seem to take up so much time.

The reality is, taking two minutes to hear a written petition from a member of the public is no big deal. What are you afraid of hearing? And to say, "a number of Written Petitions" is a joke. Why don't you tally up the number of Written Petitions submitted since you began your lengthy nine-month tenure on the council and share that. Then, separate out the number generated by councilmembers and see where that lands. I know I submitted one this year asking for Councilmembers to show their faces during council meetings, something Councilmember Jain and the new council majority decided was unreasonable.

I hope you will all see this undemocratic nature of this request and simply dismiss it.

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