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Dear Members of our Village Council,

First of all, I would like to thank you for doing what you do. I'm sure it's not an easy job.

And I don't know about you, but I'm tired at night! I just want to stay home weeknights in my PJs with my feet up. But I would very much like to attend our council meetings. So, the only way I can do that is from my computer!

I know I am not alone in my thoughts. Although I don't have to worry about a full-time job anymore, as I am retired, there are plenty of families with two working parents and young children, older seniors with accessibility issues and disabled folks unable to drive who would very much appreciate listening in and adding their voices during the public comment period. As I understand it, when Covid forced us to go remote, the 45-minute public comment period was full every meeting! Our townspeople felt encouraged to express their opinions and offer suggestions. They felt accessible to our local government. Of course this made the meeting that much longer for you all, but still, it is important to hear what your constituents are thinking, right?

By discouraging that input, it gives the impression that you do not want transparency on your council. I'm sure that is not your intention, but that is as it seems.

Please consider putting this very important item on the agenda at your upcoming meeting this Wed. Feb. 23.

Thank you!

Erica Dunckley