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San Francisco Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Aaron Peskin, Board President
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The Honorable Catherine Stefani, Supervisor, District 2
The Honorable Joel Engardio, Supervisor, District 4
The Honorable Dean Preston, Supervisor, District 5
The Honorable Matt Dorsey, Supervisor, District 6
The Honorable Myrna Melgar, Supervisor, District 7
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The Honorable Ahsha Safai, Supervisor, District 11
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Agenda Item #11, Board File 221008: **Mayor's Long-Term Care Council Adopts Remote Call-in Limiting Teleconferencing and Remote Public Comment at Meetings of the Board of Supervisors and its Committees**

Dear Board President Peskin, and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Yesterday, the Mayor's Long-Term Coordinating Council (LTCCC) distributed a meeting announcement and its agenda for its meeting tomorrow on March 8, 2023.

The LTCCC announced that its new meeting policy includes remote public comment call-in and meeting attendance, to make their meetings more accessible, writing:

“We are setting up [our] meeting{s} in a hybrid format, specifically to allow guests to attend remotely — this will be our first meeting in this format, so please let us know if there are ways we can make it more accessible for all attendees. We appreciate your patience as we transition out of the fully Zoom format that we've had for over 3 years now.”

If this is good enough for the Mayor's LTCCC, it should be good enough for the Board of Supervisors and all of your Committees, and good enough for all 120 Boards and Commissions in our City dealing with City policies and services.

This Board should standardize on requiring each policy body adopt the same meeting accessibility processes, including remote public comment call-in.

Respectfully submitted,

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