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Dear Supervisor Mandelman,

The idea that remote access will suddenly be cancelled is terrifying. Broadband is here and has opened participatory democracy such as never before. There is no going back.

Eliminating remote public comment would sever access to civic engagement for a large slice of San Francisco. Barriers will once again be placed before seniors and people living with disabilities.

Dianna Hu, chairperson of the Boston Center for Independent Living, put it this way:

"Remote participation is the latest manifestation of universal design—alongside curb cuts, elevators, closed captioning, audiobooks, and other accessibility features that expanded to universal popularity. We now have a remarkable opportunity to not only uphold but to also optimize accessibility, making remote participation a curb cut 2.0 for the modern day and age."

Let's move forward together.

Sincerely,

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