

From: [Shaila Nathu](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Ginny LaRoe](#); [Northern California Society of Professional Journalists Freedom of Information Committee](#); staff@mediaworkers.org
Subject: Opposition to motion discontinuing remote public comment (File #22108)
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 9:07:28 AM

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To Members of the Rules Committee of the City and County of San Francisco:

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Rescission of remote public comment, if approved, will preclude many individuals who are immunocompromised but not eligible for protection under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who are living in the same household as someone that is immunocompromised from participating in public meetings. All members of the public should remain able to communicate their concerns, ideas, and advice to the people who shape and execute City policy. San Francisco should lead the way in increasing public participation in civic affairs.

We, therefore, urge the Rules Committee to support continued remote public comment.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

From: [Shaila Nathu](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to motion discontinuing remote public comment (File #22108)
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 9:09:41 AM

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Hi Clerk Young,

Please post this written testimony into the background file in the Public Correspondence testimony folder on-line for Board File #221008.

Thanks!

Shaila Nathu, Co-Chair of the Freedom of Information Committee, Society of Professional Journalists, Northern California Professional Chapter

Shaila Nathu
805.807.2009 (c)

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From: **Shaila Nathu** <shailanathu@gmail.com>
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From: [Mchugh, Eileen \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Strongly OPPOSING Rules Committee Agenda Item #5 [Limiting Teleconferencing and Remote Public Comment at Meetings of the Board of Supervisors and its Committees] File #221008
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 11:03:52 AM

For the file

From: aeboken <aeboken@gmail.com>
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Subject: Strongly OPPOSING Rules Committee Agenda Item #5 [Limiting Teleconferencing and Remote Public Comment at Meetings of the Board of Supervisors and its Committees] File #221008

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TO: Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors members

I'm strongly opposing this legislation.

On page 4 lines 1 and 2 it states "the significant costs associated with allowing all members of the public to participate in Board meetings remotely".

However, there is no report by the Budget and Legislative Analyst (BLA) stating what those costs actually are.

There also is no analysis on the burdens placed on the public to go to City Hall, wait hours to give two (2) minutes of public comment and then go back from City Hall.

The human costs as well as the financial costs should be taken into consideration.

Eileen Boken,
Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

* For identification purposes only.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Hope Kamer](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please Oppose Legislation to Limit Public Comment at BOS Meetings
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 11:28:02 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
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Hello Supervisor Dorsey,

Compass Family Services respectfully requests that today you oppose the legislation to end remote participation at BOS meetings. We believe this is an equity issue- and that the more community members who can participate in our City's democratic process, the stronger the process will be. Parents, educators, and caregivers for young children cannot take a break to come to a meeting but can call in while with children. As the oldest family homelessness nonprofit in SF, we serve housing insecure families with the lived experience and expertise to substantively contribute to decision making at the Supervisor level that will improve San Francisco's public-serving systems. Without remote access, the resource of this expertise will be limited, if not lost completely.

Thank you for your consideration.

In partnership,



Hope Kamer, MSW

She/Her ([Why pronouns?](#))

Director of External Affairs and Policy

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From: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [De Asis, Edward \(BOS\)](#); [Entezari, Mehran \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to motion discontinuing remote public comment (File #22108)
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 12:03:21 PM

Dear Supervisors,

Please see the below communication.

Thank you,

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Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [De Asis, Edward \(BOS\)](#); [Entezari, Mehran \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Keep remote meeting access in San Francisco
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 12:23:33 PM

Dear Supervisors,

Please see the below communication.

Thank you,

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From: VIVIAN IMPERIALE <zizivaga@comcast.net>
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Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Young, Victor (BOS) <victor.young@sfgov.org>
Subject: Keep remote meeting access in San Francisco

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Honorable Members of the Rules Committee:

Do not accept or forward Supervisor Mandelman's proposal to eliminate the public's ability to call in to meetings to provide their comments. This is a valid and necessary way for people to participate in government affairs and decision-making.

Many people have schedules that preclude a trip to City Hall. Many people have physical limitations that make such a trip undoable.

People have different communication styles: some like to testify in person; some like to write; some like to phone in.

These factors should not eliminate their participation.

Thank you.

Vivian Imperiale

From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda Item #5, Board File #221008: Mandelman Forgot Supervisor Tom Ammiano Affirmatively Voted for Resolution 270-96 Passed and Adopted 30 Years Ago for Official City Policy Allo9wing Remote Call-In Testimony
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:16:57 PM
Attachments: [30-Year Official City Policy — Resolution 270-96 Call-in-Testimony-Resolution.pdf](#)

For file 221008

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**Subject:** Agenda Item #5, Board File #221008: Mandelman Forgot Supervisor Tom Ammiano Affirmatively Voted for Resolution 270-96 Passed and Adopted 30 Years Ago for Official City Policy Allowing Remote Call-In Testimony

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February 6, 2023

San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee  
The Honorable Matt Dorsey, Chair, Rules Committee  
The Honorable Shamann Walton, Member, Rules Committee  
The Honorable Ahsha Safai, Member, Rules Committee  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: Agenda Item #5, Board File #221008: Additional Comment: Don't Forget Board Resolution 270-96  
Opposition to Discontinuation of Remote Participation  
in Dial-In Public Comment During Board**

### Meetings

Dear Chair Dorsey and Rules Committee Members,

Mr. Mandelman's limited knowledge of City Policy made him overlook in his 20 "WHEREAS" clauses to his proposed Resolution that for nearly three decades, it has been City policy to permit remote call-in public testimony by telephone.

So let me take a stab at writing WHEREAS and MOVED clauses:

"WHEREAS, Since it has been City Policy for nearly three decades after the Board of Supervisors adopted Board Resolution #270-96 on March 25, 1996 and then Mayor Willie L. Brown signed it into law on March 28, 1996 Resolving that it is the **Policy** of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco that a call-in telephone system be developed to take public comments to increase public participation in City government; and

"WHEREAS, Since Resolution #270-96 was good enough for then-District 8 Supervisor Tom Ammiano's affirmative vote in 1996, it should be good enough for District 8 Supervisor Raphael Mandelman now as **permanent City Policy**; and

"THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that Supervisor Mandelman's anti-democratic efforts to end remote call-in comments during Board meetings and Committee meetings would violate official City Policy enacted 27 years ago in Resolution 270-96; and

"THEREFORE, The Rules Committee, on behalf of the full Board of Supervisors, Moves that no action on

Supervisor Mandelman's anti-democratic Motion proposing to end remote public comment will be taken and it will be Tabled; and therefore, let it be,

“RESOLVED, That remote teleconferencing can continue for both members of the Board of Supervisors and members of the public given further advances in technology since 1996.”

Resolution 270-96 is included in this testimony, and attached, for your reference and convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

**Patrick Monette-Shaw**

*Columnist/Reporter*

*Westside Observer* Newspaper

cc: The Honorable Aaron Peskin, Board President  
The Honorable Connie Chan, Supervisor, District 1  
The Honorable Catherine Stefani, Supervisor, District 2  
The Honorable Joel Engardio, Supervisor, District 4  
The Honorable Dean Preston, Supervisor, District 5  
The Honorable Myrna Melgar, Supervisor, District 7  
The Honorable Rafael Mandelman, Supervisor, District 8  
The Honorable Hillary Ronen, Supervisor, District 9  
cc: (Continued)  
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director to the Clerk of the Board  
Victor Young, Clerk of the Rules Committee



**From:** [Joe A. Kunzler](#)  
**To:** [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** Feinberg; [Feinberg, Giles \(BOS\)](#); Calvillo; [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Nightmare scenario you need to consider on 221008  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 1:59:34 PM

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Supervisor Dorsey and CCs;

Joe Kunzler here. I want to write this so that we have the nightmare scenario I gave in oral comment on the record. Here goes:

1. Limit remote testimony to requiring disability accommodation.
2. Supervisor Stefani does StefaniStuff like introduce another gun violence prevention resolution of national significance.
3. Someone out of SF wants to testify remotely and has a documented disability.
4. The Clerk's Office denies it due a requestor being outside SF.
5. Thanks to the applicant not being able to speak; now you have a civil rights lawsuit.

**How will this nightmare scenario be prevented when you have Supervisor Stefani with her resolutions of *national* significance?** Are you asking the Supervisor who literally snuck out of sickbay to *walk* - I say again, *walk* - with an anti-Asian hate activist in the pouring rain this Saturday and grabbed over 150 guns with a gun buyback and called the NRA a bunch of terrorists to stop those life-saving resolutions out of risk of lawfare? I would pay good money to sit in that discussion. We'll see who's STRONG AND RIGHT on the Board of Supervisors as Supervisor Stefani fumigates so hot, the "Constant Comment" tea could be at drinking temperature in no time!!!

It's also worth noting not one working mother is on the SFBOS Rules Committee. Anyone consult one, just one? Because you didn't hear Supervisor Stefani complain about a meeting that ended before 1 AM on the Tenderloin in what has become a successful failure, but Supervisor Safai got it wrong as 2 AM. You know how I know? I flew three sorties that night as the reply guy who wanted to reopen Alcatraz plus thank some people. I've replayed the epic night a few times. It was the beginning of the end of the far left of SF and their tears as pro-police forces rise up to back the blue make me smile.

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With that, now may be a golden time to restructure your meetings from scratch. Put in some rules of civility. Maybe require public comment for only the first 30 minutes of a meeting and the end of a meeting. Maybe look at what other jurisdictions are doing like Washington State that made this work without a fuss instead of responding to a symptom.

**What Would Catherine Stefani Do?**

My door as a mere mortal is open to you to help answer that question. Oh and provide Washington State technical solutions to a plan to rebuild the SFBOS.

On that note, like a Stefani, the rest I submit. Oh and now...

WWCSD;

Joe A. Kunzler  
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P.S. Thanks for voting to get Supervisor Stefani on the Golden Gate Transit Committee.  
I've actually rode that transit a few times - slightly overpriced but gets the job done.

**From:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:38:31 AM

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**To:** Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:**

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Dear Supervisor Walton:

First of all, congratulations on your reelection to public office. Secondly, I fully support the continuation of the public's remote access to public hearings going forward. It just so happens that today @11AM, I have a doctor's appointment that's been scheduled for 2 months that I cannot miss. Consequently, I am unable to physically attend today's meeting at the Rules Committee where this critical issue will be heard.

I am temporarily physically disabled with mobility issues; I cannot attend public hearings at City Hall in person. I have attended many past hearings (in person and remotely) on subjects that are near and dear to my heart, things like public transportation, unhoused people, affordable housing, redistricting, public education and policing in San Francisco. San Franciscans like me are the eyes and the ears of San Francisco. We care deeply about our neighborhoods and have mostly good ideas for solutions to our problems. And, as you well know, we are the people who elect our individual district supervisors. We are also the people who adopt storm drains and who are NERT volunteers and who volunteer at our libraries and minister to elders and unhoused people living in our neighborhoods. We have daily experience of these events and therefore have critical insight into these problems. Limiting our access to you at public hearings by requiring that we physically be in the building is a terrible idea and is undemocratic. Please do not create more obstacles and barriers between us, the people and you, our elected leaders. City Hall is the People's House and all San Franciscans must have full and complete access to the important decision making and policy making that happens there. Please support all San Franciscans remote access to meetings and hearings to do with policy making and governance at City Hall.



Thank you for your attention to this important matter.  
Very truly yours,  
Lisa Awbrey

**From:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mayor and BOS Need to Prioritize Ending Drug Markets in SF  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:36:02 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Allen Burke <ab94107@icloud.com>  
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Subject: Mayor and BOS Need to Prioritize Ending Drug Markets in SF

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Dear Supervisor Walton,

I'm a San Francisco resident who sees a failure by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to address the fentanyl-fueled drug epidemic that is devastating our city. You must make ending open-air drug markets the number one priority of this year's budget cycle. The drug epidemic is linked to all of the problems San Francisco faces, including homelessness, mental health, public safety, and economic vitality. I'm demanding that you take action along the following lines:

**Law Enforcement:** The District Attorney and the Police Department must work together to arrest and prosecute drug dealers in San Francisco, as well as coordinate with state and federal law enforcement to address cartels bringing drugs to the city.

**City-Sponsored Recovery Programs:** Recovery has to be the goal. City departments need to work cross-functionally to make this happen, even if it sometimes means compelling treatment, in order to give users the chance to live healthy lives.

I know that completely eradicating drug use is unrealistic. What I'm demanding is a visible reduction in the open air drug sales and use that is eroding our city. San Francisco should be a place where those who are not involved in drug sales and drug use are not negatively impacted by drug sales and drug use.

Sincerely,  
Your Name  
Allen Burke

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please do not discontinue remote access and public comments to BOS hearings  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:35:52 AM

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**Natalie Gee** 朱凱勤, Chief of Staff  
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**From:** Iris Biblowitz <irisbiblowitz@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2023 8:36 AM  
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**Subject:** Please do not discontinue remote access and public comments to BOS hearings

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Dear Supervisors of the Rules Committee and all Supervisors-

I'm asking you to stand firmly against discontinuing remote access for the public to make watch, listen, and make comments at all Board of Supervisors hearings, Agenda #5, item #221008. I speak as a nurse, a senior, and person with multiple disabilities resulting from my work.

Senior and people with disabilities have often been left out of important narratives and decisions. It's been a constant fight over the years, despite the American with Disabilities Act (that passed in 1990). And despite the fact that about 10% of people in San Francisco report disabilities, and 30% are seniors (often with unreported disabilities).

COVID brought tragedies and suffering to this city and to the world, but one of the rare benefits was that we learned how to create access to many different services online, and to spread that availability throughout the city. Although cases of COVID are going down in most places in the world, including in the Bay Area, the numbers of people with disabilities are not going down.

Please don't exclude people with disabilities from weighing in on important issues. Yes, people can email like I'm doing now, but there's nothing like calling in with updated information, responding thoughtfully to what the Supervisors and everyone else is saying, to have your voice heard. I would have thought this was a no brainer, but evidently not.

Thank you - Iris Biblowitz, RN

**From:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent: Opposition to limiting remote participation  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:35:23 AM

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**From:** Jessica Lehman <jessica@sdaction.org>

**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2023 3:16 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Urgent: Opposition to limiting remote participation

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The Department of Technology has created a system to offer secure remote public comment for all meetings that are on sfgovtv, at NO additional expense. They held a demo recently with the SF Mayor's Office on Disability. Details here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tw0wIYHyIb6gzDbEps\\_9Mdqr27WzjblkFTPxpE5zE/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tw0wIYHyIb6gzDbEps_9Mdqr27WzjblkFTPxpE5zE/edit)

On Fri, Feb 3, 2023, at 4:21 PM, Jessica Lehman wrote:

Dear Supervisors,

In preparation for Monday's Rules Committee meeting, please see this letter signed by more than 100 organizations, urging you to vote NO on legislation that would limit remote public comment in any way.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SWzjNv8d9aOL3gZt9gNTB2\\_XeZETnuoT3lgwaWF4I-k/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SWzjNv8d9aOL3gZt9gNTB2_XeZETnuoT3lgwaWF4I-k/edit)

Thank you!

Jessica Lehman  
Senior and Disability Action  
cell (510) 427-7535

**From:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Rules Committee. Hearing on call-in access to meetings. February 5, 2023, 10:00 AM  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:34:16 AM

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**From:** Judi Gorski <judigorski@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2023 4:16 PM  
**To:** Engardio, Joel (BOS) <joel.engardio@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Dorsey, Matt (BOS) <matt.dorsey@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Melgar, Myrna (BOS) <myrna.melgar@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Judi - gmail Gorski <judigorski@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Rules Committee. Hearing on call-in access to meetings. February 5, 2023, 10:00 AM

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To Supervisor Joel Engardio and all other Supervisors,

I speak for myself and many neighbors, residents and voters of San Francisco in my district, District 4, who want and need to continue to be able to make public comments by phone (and maybe video) for government meetings. The option of calling in, rather than having to come down to City Hall, makes it possible for so many people to share their input and perspectives, including disabled people, parents, working people, seniors, people who live far from City Hall, people who cannot afford to pay for parking or make the time-consuming trip on the limited public transportation available. For myself, the time needed to get back and forth from City Hall is two hours minimum without factoring in the duration of attending the meetings or hearings.

Please do what is necessary to keep remote public comment accessible to your constituents.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,  
Judi Gorski

D4 Resident 40+ years



**From:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on Proposed SF Reparations Plan  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:33:56 AM

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From: Marc Brenman <mbrenman001@comcast.net>  
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2023 5:28 PM  
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Subject: Comments on Proposed SF Reparations Plan

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Dear San Francisco Supervisors:

I am a long-term San Francisco resident, a taxpayer, and a property owner. I wish to make comments on the draft reparations plan for San Francisco. It's not an entirely bad idea, since many African-American have suffered discrimination in SF. On the other hand, so have members of many other groups. Why should African-Americans be singled out for reparations? California was never a slave state.

Many efforts have been made over the decades to remedy the adverse effects of non-slavery discrimination suffered by African-Americans. These include desegregation, integration, civil rights nondiscrimination laws and their enforcement, disadvantaged business enterprise programs, a City Human Rights Commission, school lunch programs, quotas, preferences, affirmative action, equal employment opportunity, and diversity and inclusion programs.

Any amount of money the City Council decides to give to African-Americans should have the costs and expenditures of these programs deducted from that amount. The only people eligible should be those who have lived in SF their whole lives and who can trace their ancestors back to slavery in the United States. There should also be means testing, so that those who don't need the money don't receive it.

It is incorrect to claim that life in SF has been an unalloyed tragedy for African-Americans. Before World War II, there were very few in the City. Many came to the City to work in war industries in World War II. This was a great opportunity for them, since they escaped poverty in the South. Many lived in housing formerly occupied by Japanese-Americans who were incarcerated in World War II. Should those African-American be punished for taking advantage of the incarcerated Japanese-Americans? They should certainly not be rewarded for it.

A city government as rife with corruption and poor management as SF should not undertake another program with so many opportunities for typical poor decision-making and management. Look at the fiasco of the school renaming commission and the fact that SFUSD is \$125 million in deficit, despite falling enrollment and rising property tax revenues. Look at the horrendous failure of City government in dealing with the homelessness problem. Money keneps getting throw at the problem, to no avail whatsoever. Look at the Van Ness BRT project and the Central Subway project, both of which ran hugely over schedule and budget. The City Council should solve the City's current governance problems first, before undertaking yet another very expensive program.

Thank you for considering these thoughts. Please let me know if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,  
Marc Brenman  
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**From:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please vote NO on motion 221008 [Limiting Teleconferencing and Remote Public Comment at Meetings of the Board of Supervisors and its Committees]  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:33:38 AM

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**From:** Lea McGeever <lea.mcgeeever@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2023 6:46 PM  
**To:** Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Waltonstaff (BOS) <waltonstaff@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Raia Small <raia@sdaction.org>  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on motion 221008 [Limiting Teleconferencing and Remote Public Comment at Meetings of the Board of Supervisors and its Committees]

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Hello Supervisor Walton,

My name is Lea McGeever and I live in D6. I am writing in solidarity with Senior and Disability Action and asking you to **vote NO on motion 221008** during the Rules Committee tomorrow, Monday the 6th. Here are the following reasons you should do so:

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- Video conferencing has allowed many
- **disabled people, seniors, poor and working-class people, parents, teachers, child care providers, Black, Indigenous, people of color to participate** in Board of Supervisors hearings, commission meetings, and other public events -- some for the first time
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- It is vital that the City and County of San
- Francisco commit to continuing a telephone and video option for all public meetings,
- **complete with ASL, captioning, and interpretation.**
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- Many working people can't take time off from
- day jobs, when most meetings are held, but can call in and speak for a couple of minutes when their turn comes.
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- **Many disabled and immunocompromised people**
- **and their family members and caregivers cannot risk coming in person and getting COVID, or transportation and other barriers prevent in-person attendance.**
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- Parents, educators, and caregivers for young
- children cannot take a break to come to a meeting but can call in while with children.
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- **Many low-income people and Black, indigenous people of**
- **color live far from City Hall, making it hard to come in person to have their voices heard.**
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- Remote participation should be allowed for
- all, rather than only as a “reasonable accommodation.” Requiring people to identify as disabled and ask for an accommodation ahead of time adds a barrier that makes it less likely for people to participate, and nondisabled people also have valid reasons to
- participate remotely.

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- **Increased public engagement should be celebrated rather than prevented. There is little to be gained and much to be lost by eliminating remote public comment.**
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- The SF Department of Technology has found
- a way to offer remote public comment for all meetings that are on sfgovtv through webex. This will cost the city NO additional funding and allow full access, including a video option for Deaf people using ASL. But if the city goes with the reasonable accommodations
- option through the Clerk's office, it will require staffing and funding.
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- **More than 100 community organizations want San Francisco to keep a remote public comment option to ensure that people can share input on housing, transportation, health, racial equity, and other issues.**
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- Many cities around the Bay Area and around
- the country are offering remote public comment by phone and video. These include Oakland, San Jose, Walnut Creek, Detroit and Washington, DC.
- **Is San Francisco going to fall behind on civic participation?**
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**From:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please KEEP Remote Public Comment  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:32:05 AM  
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**From:** Curtis Bradford <CBradford@tndc.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2023 9:30 AM  
**To:** Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Please KEEP Remote Public Comment

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Hello Supervisor Walton. Today at Rules Committee, you will hear a proposal to end Remote Public Comment.

I urge you to please vote NO. Please KEEP Remote Public Comment for all BOS meetings.

The option of calling in, rather than having to come down to City Hall, makes it possible for so many people to share their input and perspectives, including disabled people, parents, working people, seniors, people who live far from City Hall, and others who are usually less likely to be heard.

I realize that can add to the length of meetings and longer days, but the fact that so many people do call in to have their voice heard is actually evidence that people do care and so many people want and need to be included in the discussions.

I have many folks, seniors and disabled in particular, that I work with who have not been able to participate in our system of government until now because they are unable to get to City Hall for hearings, or sit and wait at City Hall to have their chance to be heard. Remote Comment allows them to participate for the first time. It is empowering and inspiring to them. Please, don't end their chance to continue being a valued partner and voice in this great City.

I thank you for your support in ensuring ALL San Franciscans have the opportunity to be heard.

**Curtis Bradford**  
Community Organizing Manager  
(He/Him/His)  
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**From:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Agenda Item #5, Board File #221008 - against  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:30:38 AM

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**From:** Pam Hofmann <pshofmann@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2023 9:37 PM  
**To:** Dorsey, Matt (BOS) <matt.dorsey@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Agenda Item #5, Board File #221008 - against

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Please [continue](#) to allow remote dial-in public comment from members of the public during both full Board meetings and during meetings of the Board's various sub-Committees.

Pamela Hofmann



**From:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Keep Remote Public Comment  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:30:32 AM

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**From:** Maria Schulman <maria.schulman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2023 9:41 PM  
**To:** Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Dorsey, Matt (BOS) <matt.dorsey@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Keep Remote Public Comment

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It is vital that the City and County of San Francisco commit to continuing a telephone and video option for all public meetings, complete with ASL, captioning, and interpretation. Many working people can't take time off from day jobs, when most meetings are held, but can call in and speak for a couple of minutes when their turn comes. Many disabled and immuno-compromised people and their family members and caregivers cannot risk coming in person and getting COVID, or transportation and other barriers prevent in-person attendance. Parents, educators, and caregivers for young children cannot take a break to come to a meeting but can call in while with children. Continuing to offer a remote participation option for public meetings will only serve to elevate the diverse voices of our community and create stronger and better decision-making. Dedicated city staff have proven that remote meetings are possible, and we are grateful.

Remote participation should be allowed for all, rather than only as a "reasonable accommodation." Requiring people to identify as disabled adds a barrier that makes it less likely for people to participate, and nondisabled people also have valid reasons to participate remotely. While some meetings have gone extremely long due to callers, there is scant evidence that more than a couple meetings have had callers from outside the Bay Area. Increased public engagement should be celebrated rather than prevented. There is little to be gained and much to be lost by eliminating remote public comment.

San Francisco has always valued rich community discussion. Let's preserve and expand participation from seniors, people with disabilities, working people, parents, and everyone. We know now that remote participation is possible. Every public meeting MUST continue to have an option for members of the public to view and make comments from any location. Please vote no on legislation limiting or ending remote participation options

**From:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Preserving Remote Public Comment in San Francisco City Hall meetings.  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:29:45 AM

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**From:** Julienne Fisher <juliesearching@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2023 1:27 AM  
**To:** Julie Fisher <juliesearching@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Preserving Remote Public Comment in San Francisco City Hall meetings.

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- Dear Board of Supervisors,
- Today, I hope that each of you will preserve the transparency that remote public comment and remote access offers to all of us. San Francisco City Hall already has technology which had been bringing the voices of our citizens to you. And also allows your voices to be heard by them. Whether they are homebound, unable to travel, caring for elders, children, their clients or if they are ill themselves Remote Public Comment Access connects us together.
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- The SF Department of Technology has found a way to offer remote public comment for all meetings that are on sfgovtv through webex. This will cost the city NO additional funding and allow full access, including a video option for Deaf people using ASL.
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- More than 100 community organizations want San Francisco to keep a remote public comment option to ensure that people can share input on housing, transportation, health, racial equity, and other issues.

- Cities around the Bay Area and around the country are offering remote public comment by phone and video including Oakland, San Jose, Walnut Creek, Detroit and Washington, DC.

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- **There is a lot of talk recently about keeping democracy functioning and preserved as we build better communities.**

**Keeping remote public access**

- **available is part of that practice.**

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**Please keep San Francisco moving forward together.**

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Julienne Fisher  
415 307-1213

**From:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 22108 Limiting Teleconferencing and Remote Public Call-In DO NOT SUPPORT  
**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:25:36 AM

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**From:** T Flandrich <tflandrich@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2023 8:50 AM  
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**Subject:** 22108 Limiting Teleconferencing and Remote Public Call-In DO NOT SUPPORT

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Please continue remote access to not only Board of Supervisors meetings but to ALL City hearings! The single upside of COVID is that all San Franciscans had the opportunity to participate in public discourse, and for many this was the first time that they could publicly voice their concerns, their support.

Thank you for voting to keep the practice of access for all San Franciscans in place!

Theresa Flandrich

**From:** [Elisa Smith](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Joel Engardio](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** remote call-in during Board of Supervisors" meetings  
**Date:** Sunday, February 5, 2023 4:25:03 PM

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Good afternoon Board of Supervisors,

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**From:** [Elisa Smith](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Joel Engardio](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** remote call-in during Board of Supervisors" meetings  
**Date:** Sunday, February 5, 2023 4:24:59 PM

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**From:** [Joe A. Kunzler](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Motion 221008 - the Remote Testimony Resolution  
**Date:** Friday, February 3, 2023 4:04:44 PM

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**From:** **Joe A. Kunzler** <[growlernoise@gmail.com](mailto:growlernoise@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 2:24 PM  
**Subject:** Motion 221008 - the Remote Testimony Resolution  
**To:** Board of Supervisors (BOS) <[Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org)>  
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Dear SF Board of Supervisors and Staff;

I'm going to be acute about [this Motion 221008 of yours](#).

For contrast, Washington State is celebrating [almost a year of guaranteed remote testimony from HB 1329](#). Actually works up here as per the above link.

*Meanwhile*, San Francisco is working to shut down remote testimony.

Supervisor Catherine "Maverick" Stefani is out ill and using remote access.

I just find it incredibly sickening and frankly cruel that the fear of the other in SF of all places has taken hold while the greatest voice for courage is ill.

What Supervisor Catherine Stefani once created in freedom's safest place and the ultimate pwnage of the NRA is now surrounded by fentanyl and fear.

What an impeachable act under the cloak of good intentions to silence all of the public.

I really hope you Supervisors think about what you are doing and why. I thought you wanted to serve the public.

Note the CC line. Check it again. Trust me when I say this: People are going to see your answer.

My doors are open to discuss this, but I have a 3 PM crisis meeting to attend about... YOU.

Like a Stefani, the rest I submit;

Joe A. Kunzler  
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[Call-in telephone system]

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DECLARING IT TO BE A POLICY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO THAT THE CAPABILITY FOR A CALL-IN TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR BOARD MEETINGS/BE DEVELOPED AND INSTRUCTING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CALL-IN TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

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WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has made it a long-standing policy to encourage public participation in the meetings of the Board, through such measures as the passage of the Sunshine Ordinance and by sponsoring and implementing Proposition P, which allows the Board to meet in the neighborhoods of San Francisco; and,

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WHEREAS, Although the Board encourages public participation in Board meetings, there are still many San Franciscans who are unable to attend the meetings in person; and,

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WHEREAS, The Board meetings are broadcast live on radio by KPOO radio and will soon be broadcast with gavel-to-gavel coverage by the San Francisco Community Television Corporation; and,

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WHEREAS, The technology is available to allow those members of the public who cannot attend meetings in person to call in to the meetings by telephone and participate; and,

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SUPERVISOR KEVIN SHELLEY

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1           WHEREAS, Other cities have developed call-in telephone access to  
2 government meetings and have implemented inexpensive and simple  
3 systems that are very popular and have increased public participation in  
4 meetings; and,

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6           WHEREAS, Interactive telephone access to the Board meetings will  
7 provide for greater public access to the workings of local government and  
8 increase public participation and awareness; now, therefore be it,

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10           RESOLVED, That the City and County of Supervisors declares it to be a  
11 policy that the capability for call-in telephone system for Board of Supervisors  
12 under the Public Commet item  
13 meetings/be developed and instructs the Clerk of the Board to oversee the  
14 implementation of a call-in telephone system.  
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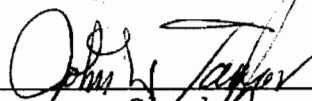

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Adopted - Board of Supervisors, San Francisco March 25, 1996

Ayes: Supervisors Ammiano Bierman Hsieh Kaufman Kennedy Leal  
Migden Shelley Teng Yaki

Absent: Supervisor Alioto

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution  
was adopted by the Board of Supervisors  
of the City and County of San Francisco

  
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Clerk  
  
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Mayor

File No.  
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