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Hello. I would like to comment on Council Agenda Item M1 -- concerning changing the open meeting time from the current 6 p.m. to 5 p.m.

I oppose changing the open meeting start from 6 p.m. It would be quite inconvenient for those who may still be at their jobs by 5 p.m., and for those who must travel to get to the Council meeting or to get home to log onto Zoom. They may have children to feed or to grab a bite of dinner before the meeting begins. We don't want folks speeding in traffic to get to Council chambers or home for a 5 p.m. meeting start. There was a deadly four-car crash only yesterday in North Redondo involving speeding, and we want our residents to be safe. We also need folks to be able to participate in the Council meetings and to exercise their right to speak and for their comments to be heard. A 5 p.m. start time would not make a significant difference in how late Council meetings run. A shorter closed session would only result in running longer when they return to closed session.

I urge the Council and Mayor Brand to retain the 6 p.m. start time for open session of Council meetings because it is more feasible.

Secondly, on months which have 5 Tuesdays, it would be beneficial to hold a 4th City Council meeting -- rather than to have two weeks with no meeting at all -- because more can be accomplished in 4 meetings due to the lengthy list of agenda items and closed session material to cover. Having only 3 meetings on a month with 5 Tuesdays would be wasteful of precious time and opportunities for residents to participate. I urge the Council and Mayor Brand to hold 4 meetings on months with 5 Tuesdays from now on.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Skiba