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Subject: Special Accommodation Advance Request for June 17, 2020 Planning Commission Hearing.

Dear Ms. Horton and Ms. Wilcox:

Please include this communication in the administrative record for the IBEC project.

As we informed you by email on June 9, 2020, despite our properly calling in, waiting on hold, and our repeated attempts to "raise our hand" to make a comment, we were not connected by the City, and were deprived of our statutory right to "address the legislative body" on June 9, 2020 "before or during the legislative body's consideration" of the General Plan Amendments, Agenda Items PH-1 and PH-. Govt. Code Sec. 54954.3(a).

While waiting on the phone, I also noticed that there were many others waiting (at least 6 in the queue, per the phone answering service), who did not have the chance to speak at all or whose comments were not clearly heard or considered by the City Council, either because of technical issues or simply because the City Council denied these intended speakers the right to speak, in violation of the Brown Act. Yet the City Council continued the hearing and voted on the items despite the acknowledged disruptions in public access to the teleconference.

The above-described obstructions were in addition to the City's failure to provide - in advance and in the agenda itself - a *correct* access code. As a result, numerous people wo could not watch the City Council hearing on the internet and relied on teleconferencing by phone were unable to learn about the later announced corrected access code and could not participate in the meeting at all. We believe there were more than 100 callers on June 9, 2020 who tried to call and participate in the June 9, 2020 meeting by phone but could not do so because of the incorrect access code provided by the City. This is an improper and disgraceful state of affairs.

Without waiving our objections to the June 9, 2020 meeting's violations of the Brown Act, but in an attempt to avoid any such interference with our and our client's rights, or disruptions to the general public, in connection with the upcoming June 17, 2020 Planning Commission hearing, we hereby request <u>special accommodation</u> to be able to be heard and to comment by telephone in the form of an uninterrupted teleconference opportunity, where we are actually called on to speak.

We request that the City inform us of its commitment to address this issue for us - and generally for the public - or otherwise postpone any Planning Commission or City Council hearings on any land use and/or CEQA decisions, including regarding the IBEC Project and EIR, until and unless the public may participate and comment without exclusion, "technical failures," or other conditions which deny members of the public of their right to participate in and comment at public hearings.

Please confirm what steps the City will take to accommodate our special accommodation request, and our requests generally. Thank you.

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