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Dear City Council members:

I will call and leave a message for my verbal comments on the Housing Element Update (Agenda Item 4) tonight that is purportedly a "workshop" but does not resemble a workshop format. I would note that rather than providing opportunities for robust public participation, this is the first notice that many citizens have received regarding Housing Element meetings, and I and my fellow citizens will only get our standard City Council meeting allotment of 2 minutes each.

In the meantime, as a supplement to those verbal comments, to give you time to read them I am attaching a series of articles written by Alan Pryor and me documenting multiple and serious problems with City's the Housing Element Committee involving Brown Act violations and undisclosed conflicts of interest.

- May 25. *Davis Housing Element Fails Affordable Housing*: <https://www.davisite.org/2021/05/davis-housing-element-comments.html> (also attached as a PDF to this email)
- June 8. *What the HEC is Going On?: The Subversion of the Housing Element Committee (HEC) Deliberation Process by Hidden Development Interests*: <https://www.davisite.org/2021/06/what-the-hec-is-going-on.html> (also attached as a PDF to this email)
- June 13. *What the HEC is Going On? - Part II: The City's Denial of Brown Act Violations by the Housing Element Committee and Certain of Its Members is Not Credible nor Factually-Based*: <https://www.davisite.org/2021/06/what-the-hec-is-going-on-part-ii.html> (also attached as a PDF to this email)
- June 15. *What the HEC is Going On? Part III. Conflicts of Interest in the City of Davis Housing Element Committee* [to be published on-line later today]

The City needs to cure and correct these process deficiencies in the following manner:

- The City needs to appoint new HEC members with a broader representation of community-based affordable housing advocates. The current makeup of the HEC is vastly tilted towards development and real estate interests and resulted in policy proposals that represent a massive giveaway to them.
- The City needs to reconvene the HEC for the purpose of allowing recusal of voting and discussion by certain members and disallowing the final HEC vote of approval of the Housing Element. It should begin the process anew with a substantially improved public review process while avoiding all of the attendant Brown Act violations and conflicts of interest.

- The above actions need to occur prior to the next time the matter is before the Planning Commission and City Council for approval to ensure that any vote taken by the HEC is compliant with all provisions of the Brown Act.

Regards,

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