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Greetings,

This comment is in regards to the Special Order of Business 3. a., 3. b., and 3.c. on [tonight's \(January 7th 2026\) City Council Meeting agenda](#).

First, I want to thank each of you for your service to the City and acknowledge that the controversy around this topic seems overblown and malicious. I am saddened and a little disgusted to hear about the comments Councilor Vang and likely others are receiving from the public. Know that there are many of us who see the hard work you are doing and are sorry for the unfortunate and ugly consequences that are currently associated with public service. I can only hope that some folks will learn a little more about local government in the process and become more productively engaged.

Second, I simply wanted to register support for standardizing the way volunteers are appointed to City boards and commissions, including the decision to include an interview or not. I would also like to emphasize the need to bring more transparency (and thus trust) into the process. Some applicants receive much more Council scrutiny than others which is plainly unfair. You may wish to reach out to current members and applicants about their experiences. In that light, I am glad to see Councilor Nishioka's motion on the agenda to move towards clarifying the process for at least some of the boards and commissions and look forward to this discussion.

Finally, I am in support of reappointing Mr. Hedquist to the Community Police Review Board because of his unique and valuable expertise with the criminal justice system. I am going to leave it at that.

Thank you again,

Marissa, Ward 1 resident

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