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Summary: The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council supports equitable scheduling of City Council meetings, to include start times after 5pm, at 7pm, or even on weekends. This will improve transparency and foster trust and goodwill between Angelenos and City government by making it possible for people with daytime and non-traditional work schedules to have the opportunity to attend meetings of the LA City Council, Committees, and Commissions.

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The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood.

Our stakeholders have lamented that City Council, Committee and Commission meetings are scheduled during the day, when much of the general public has other obligations and is unable to attend. Council File 18-0045 was inspired by a proposal made by HHPNC board member Jamie Tijerina through the LawMaker Challenge.

Angelenos need City Council meetings that are scheduled equitably and after 5pm, at 7pm, or even on weekends, so that people with daytime and non-traditional work schedules can have a chance to be present and have sufficient time to commute to meetings. There is a real, unifying demand in Los Angeles for greater access to public City Council, Committee, and Commission meetings through equitable scheduling, including times after 5pm. Such a change will improve transparency and foster trust and goodwill between Angelenos and City government.

LA City Council, Committees, and Commissions make major decisions about our communities, our tax dollars, and the future of Los Angeles. If Los Angeles is to be on the cutting edge of policy that represents all Angelenos' best interests, the City needs to start scheduling meetings when We the People are available to join the conversation.

Sincerely,

  
Harvey Slater, President

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