

## General Comment - Delgado

Please read for Public Comment for April 5 Meeting

Mayor and Council

Some rich cities with very high housing costs (Silicon Valley, and Beverley Hills type) have sometimes paid their top executive a housing allowance in order to make it possible for them to live in the community they work in.

National City by comparison is not rich and has the lowest rent and housing costs of any city in San Diego County. So why does the City Council think it is necessary to give extra pay to some of their highest paid employees if they live in the City? An employee that makes four-times the city's median household income does not need extra pay to live here. Apparently such pay has been an ongoing practice. Just three years ago the Council gave a \$24,000 pay raise to an employee to live in the City.

Is living in National City so terrible that you need to pay a high paid executive extra in order for them to do so? Is it a bribe or hazard duty pay? Whatever it is, the practice is financially unjustifiable and insulting to residents and city employees who live here by choice. And it sends the wrong message to the employee being hired. You are, in effect, saying; "our city is not a great place to live so we will pay you extra if you are willing to live here"!

The practice makes no sense and should stop.

A. Delgado

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## General Comment - Manriquez

**From:** [Christine Middleton](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Las Palmas Pool  
**Date:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 12:45:57 PM

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We have been a members of Carla Buff's water aerobics class the past couple of years and Are really missing the water aerobics class it was a major part of our physical health program... She's a fabulous teacher you're so lucky to have her... Your pool is a great venue and resource... Seems wasted that no one can have water aerobics while you're waiting just to make it bigger... Please expedite the use of this pool.

Christine Middleton  
Henry Manriquez

Sent from my iPhone

## Item 21 - Rincon

**From:** [Joan Rincon](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** April 5 Council meeting, Item 21, Tahona Mercado  
**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 1:52:40 PM

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I have followed this liquor application through the Planning Commission and now to Council, and I learned something very important. Or maybe it would be more accurate to say I realized something very important. I want to make sure you realize it too.

As Mr. Reeder will tell you, a CUP for alcohol generally goes with the location. Therefore, if one applicant obtains an offsale liquor license and CUP, and then his particular business plan does not work out for him, he can sell to another person. That person can operate a liquor store to the full extent of the liquor license and CUP rules.

So, when someone comes along with an attractive concept, such as a plan to be a bottle shop that only sells high-end artisanal liquor....and I don't have a real objection to this applicant's plan.....if you issue this CUP you are in fact opening the door to a more ordinary, problematic style of liquor store being operated in that location for years and years.

-Joan Rincon

## Item 26 - Godshalk

**From:** [Ted Godshalk](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Ron Morrison](#); [Jose Rodriguez](#); [Marcus Bush](#)  
**Subject:** Comment from Mr. Ted Godshalk for April 6, 2022  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 2:39:00 PM

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Public Comment for April 6, 2022 form Mr. Ted Godshalk

Council,

Recently, the gala known as the "Oscars" was held in Hollywood. The length of the meeting, and it is actually a meeting of the Academy, was addressed by the decision to distribute awards to the "technical" experts in their fields at an earlier time in the evening. In this way, prime time was better used for more serious business and much time was saved.

Our City Council could take a similar approach and move the Employee of the Month, Resident of the Month, Business of the Month, Proclamations, and Agency presentations to the 5:00 hour.

It is certain that National City will never be "South Hollywood," even with a looming similarity to West Hollywood, but this change could help if you are really concerned about the length of meetings here in National City.

It is time for a "**reset.**" No, some changes are very overdue. As you discuss the return to open public meetings, you need to reject the 50% seating rule in your tiny, cramped Chamber. The Lobby and TV viewing is not acceptable for overflow. Please set up the Martin Luther King hall for the largest number of people, socially distanced, possible. This will allow for more flexibility if the pandemic surges again. Any other plan is unsafe and disrespectful to the community.

Finally, there has been a suggestion to eliminate the reading by the City Clerk of the written public comments. The data in tonight's agenda shows that more than half of all meetings in 2019 had 10 or fewer comments. For 2020 and 2021, more than half of all meetings had 10 or fewer individuals offering comments, including the period in 2021 that had a phone-in option available to them. Meetings drag on because of overloaded agendas. The 30 minutes used to hear the public in written and oral formats is not too much to ask.

The written comment by the public is a valuable asset to democratic debate. For you to neglect the live reading of a letter, you neglect to think of people who cannot attend due to childcare, senior care, transportation, or work -related issues. The public deserves to be heard

and to hear comments in all possible formats. There is no rationale for not reading letters during the meeting.

Do the right thing and "**reset**" *the way NC holds its Council meetings*.

Ted Godshalk

## Item 27 - Davis

**From:** [Mary Davis](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Revise Rules of Conduct to Allow Respectful, Responsive Clapping  
**Date:** Monday, April 4, 2022 8:20:40 PM

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I am not sure where the Council stands on the issue of responsive clapping from the public, but if it has been banned in the amended rules in October 2021, I now respectfully ask for 'clapping' to be removed from the list of banned conduct.

[XII. 'Meeting Decorum & Conduct', Item A-1

<https://www.nationalcityca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/28427/637842541857270000>

I would also like to respectfully point out that you have historically allowed clapping at the meetings for things that you support or endorse. One such item is proclamations, an example of which can be seen here at the meeting on January 21, 2020 (one of the last in-person ones before Covid lockdowns.) The clapping occurs around minute mark 15:00

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The First Amendment is not arbitrary nor subjective. If clapping is a welcome first-amendment expression after proclamations, it is equally so after We the People speak, as well.

The council's historical open encouragement of clapping during proclamations is of itself prima facie evidence that clapping is NOT overly disruptive; and also, that the act of clapping is widely held to be a strong societal more -- one that is embraced as a robust means of self-expression and free speech.

Please do the right thing, and modify the rules to allow respectful, responsive of clapping for public comments, just as you do for other things during your meetings. There should only be one standard - and that is equal treatment of ALL parties, politicians and citizens alike.

Respectfully,

Mary Davis