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City Council,

As a protest against the draft public comment policy, which, in my opinion, is poorly-drafted and not enforceable because doing so could violate people's protected rights, I am writing this comment in a manner that would purposefully violate the draft policy. If you don't like my form of protest, too bad...

What idiot thinks this is a good idea? Based on past behavior, including a history of blatant grandstanding by certain councilmembers--I'm looking at you Lindy--I fully expect you all to exhibit poor judgment and approve it without amendment or even meaningful discussion. In my opinion, this work product comes across as so incompetent and ridiculous to rise to the level of being offensive. Just one example: trying to regulate whether or not members of the public choose to sit or stand while they attend City meetings. There are numerous reasons why some members of the public may choose to sit or stand for portions of a public meeting and what does that have to do with public comment procedures anyway? When people are making public comments in person, they inherently have to stand in order to queue up and go to the public comment lectern in order to make their comments so people who may be sitting aren't even making public comments.

This foolish draft policy won't even do anything to address the concerns that led to our City Manager proposing it, a City Manager who, in my opinion, has been acting more and more unstable and unhinged over time and who is now trying to get you to adopt this crazy policy. Are you sure you want someone like that in charge of anything? What are any of you thinking?

Disregards,

--Jacob