

As someone with experience in the city planning profession, it's no doubt that making these meetings accessible to the entire public is an age-old problem. Requiring in person testimony doesn't make sense anymore, especially now that we have tried and tested how to hold remote meetings. The benefits of remote access completely outweighs the technical difficulties that might have occurred with meetings in the last year, technical difficulties that can easily be fixed with time. Establishing a framework that merges in person and remote attendance can and should be done to finally start removing the many barriers that prohibit people from attending in person meetings and increasing equitable access to civic engagement.