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## Public Comments Not Uploaded Community Impact Statement for today's PLUM meeting Agenda Item #2

1 message

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**Century Glen** <centuryglenhoa@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 12:37 PM

Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

To: Councilmember.Harris-Dawson@lacity.org, Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org, Councilmember.Blumenfield@lacity.org,

Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org

Cc: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

February 15, 2022

Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Management Committee  
[200 N. Spring Street](#)  
[Los Angeles, CA 90012](#)

To the Attention of the Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Management Committee Members:

The Century Glen Homeowners Association (aka Tract 7260) within Los Angeles City Council District 5 supports the Council File 21-1385 Motion presented by Bob Blumenfield (Councilmember, 3rd District). We not only support more effective posting rules and regulations for communication to the public but also we recommend that incorporating additional notification requirements be adopted by the Planning Department and all other pertinent City of Los Angeles Departments. Currently, notifications are limited and inadequate. The minimum notice requirements that should be incorporated into the City of Los Angeles' Procedural Ordinance are as follows:

- \* The radius for all mailed notices should be 500 feet, and never just adjoining landowners as currently provided.
- \* Each mailed or posted notice should include a website link or email address where interested persons can enroll to receive ALL notices and decisions via email.

PLUM should demand that the City of Los Angeles implement an easy to subscribe to email notification system for all major actions on a project including hearings, release of NOPs, EIRs, NOAs, NODs, and MNDs, and issuance of project approval decision.

We support language in the email notifications that describe the method in which to access project documents at the City's websites regarding approval processes, including but not limited to L.A. Planning, Zoning, and Building and Safety permitting.

The City of Los Angeles should make every effort to improve its communications with neighborhood councils and with their stakeholders.

Sincerely,  
Stacy Antler, President Century Glen HOA  
Michael Glick, Treasurer Century Glen HOA  
Marsue MacNicol, Secretary Century Glen HOA  
Donna Gottlieb, Board Member Century Glen HOA  
Sara Margoshes, Board Member Century Glen HOA

Century Glen HOA / Tract 7260  
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## Public Comments Not Uploaded Neighborhood council representation at Council and Committee meetings/ Recognition of speakers at public meetings

1 message

**Barbara Broide** <bbroide@hotmail.com>

Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 1:14 PM

Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

To: "clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org" &lt;clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org&gt;, Candy Rosales PLUM &lt;candy.rosales@lacity.org&gt;, "clerk.cps@lacity.org" &lt;clerk.cps@lacity.org&gt;

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&lt;councilmember.lee@lacity.org&gt;, "councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org" &lt;councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org&gt;,"Councilmember.Martinez@lacity.org" &lt;councilmember.martinez@lacity.org&gt;

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I suggest that the City Clerk's office create a process whereby there is a mechanism for recognizing NCs (and Community Councils) to speak. Further, that process should be designed to have NC representatives give their public comment at the time when a specific item is being considered (which would be after any staff or developer report has been given)—not in the 20 minute or whatever time allocation is allowed for public comment at the beginning of a meeting. (In reality all public comment should follow reporting on an item, but that is a topic for another discussion.)

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Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Broide  
Westside NC (Seat 7)

Sent from my iPhone

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## Public Comments Not Uploaded Re: Neighborhood council representation at Council and Committee meetings/ Recognition of speakers at public meetings

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**Paula Gerez** <paula.ncwpdr@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 1:47 PM

Reply-To: clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org

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Thank you Barbara for including me in this email.

I wholeheartedly make the same ask. I have been tasked with having our communities voice heard, however I have not always been able to have my comments heard.

Respectfully, Paula

**Paula Gerez**

President, Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa

Income Property Seat

Block Captain, Neighborhood Watch

*Disclaimer and Privacy Statement: While I am a member of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa, the foregoing may not represent the ratified position or views of the NCWP.*

Sent on the go... Please excuse any typos.

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