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BOS Rcvd. 6-20-2022**Fwd: Boards, Committees, and Commissions Policy on BOS Agenda****Kim Dawson** <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

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To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Good Morning - Please forward to all BOS and include with public comment. Thanks, Kim

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Subject: Boards, Committees, and Commissions Policy on BOS Agenda

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Hi Kim,

In looking at the BOS agenda for Tuesday, I reviewed Agenda Item 7 which is the direction to Boards, Committees, and Commissions on meeting venues and format.

First of all, I fully applaud the desire and commitment of the Board of Supervisors to have hybrid meetings of all the county's boards and commissions. I've had the chance to participate in many meetings remotely that I would not have been able to if the hybrid format was not maintained. I've also found the recordings of committees and commissions extremely valuable as sometimes professional or personal commitments prevent me from listening live. I realize not every local government has made this move, and it's a lot of work for you and your team, so I really appreciate it.

That said, I have some concern that the draft requirement may be too tight and not allow for appropriate exceptions. For instance, the policy would appear to preclude a Commission of "countywide impact" from meeting occasionally in other regions of the County. While it is appropriate that most meetings take place in the county seat (Placerville), there is value in committees and commissions meeting in other parts of the County from time to time (especially the Tahoe basin) especially when the major agenda item(s) is relevant to those communities. There are other venues in the county that could handle a hybrid meeting (albiet at potentially reduced quality), and even in rare cases where it is not possible the value of having a committee or commission meet locally may outweigh the value of a hybrid meeting.

The policy would also seem to prevent a committee or commission from taking a field trip to look at relevant sites. For example, there has been some consideration that the Planning Commission might go out and look at examples of affordable housing projects. That would appear to be prohibited by this policy.

Just wanted to raise this as a potential issue for your consideration. One idea to resolve this would be to allow exceptions to the policy at either Department Head, CAO, or BOS approval (depending on what the Board thinks is the appropriate level of review). Thanks again for all you do.

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Andy Nevis

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