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**Subject:** FW: Moving Council/Staff reports ahead of Oral Communication  
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**From:** Jennifer Shearin <[shearin.jen@gmail.com](mailto:shearin.jen@gmail.com)>  
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**To:** Steven Scharf <[ssscharf@cupertino.org](mailto:ssscharf@cupertino.org)>  
**Subject:** Moving Council/Staff reports ahead of Oral Communication

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Jennifer

(Writing as a resident, 19511 Howard Ct, Cupertino, CA)

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**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 9:34 AM  
**To:** Liang Chao <[LiangChao@cupertino.org](mailto:LiangChao@cupertino.org)>  
**Subject:** Agenda item #12, Changing Order of Council Meetings

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**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 9:37 AM  
**To:** Darcy Paul <[DPaul@cupertino.org](mailto:DPaul@cupertino.org)>  
**Subject:** Agenda item #12, Changing the order of the City Council meetings

Dear Darcy,

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**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 9:39 AM  
**To:** Jon Robert Willey <[JWilley@cupertino.org](mailto:JWilley@cupertino.org)>  
**Subject:** Agenda item #12, Changing the order of the City Council meetings

Dear Councilmember Willey,

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**From:** Seema Lindskog <[seema3366@gmail.com](mailto:seema3366@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 12:11 PM  
**To:** City Council <[CityCouncil@cupertino.org](mailto:CityCouncil@cupertino.org)>  
**Subject:** Resolution to move Oral Communications to later in the evening

Dear City Council Members,

I'd like to encourage you to vote no on the resolution to change the order of business in City Council meetings to move Oral Communications after Reports by Council and Staff.

Having Oral Communications at a earlier and predictable time at the start of the meeting makes it easier for all residents to attend and participate, irrespective of their family situation or age. That seems to be the best way to truly level the playing field. It will create a burden for most residents to have to potentially wait hours until an unpredictable time to speak for 3 min.

This will effectively silence the majority of parents and kids who would otherwise speak to the CC about topics on which they wish their voice to be heard, as well as residents with evening commitments, seniors, and more. It is in effect, an infringement on their right to participation in the government of our city, per the Brown Act.

Sending an email doesn't have the impact that speaking live does. Emails are much easier to ignore or just mark as read and they lack the immediacy and emotion of a real person speaking to you while looking you in the eye.

I urge you to please vote no on this resolution.

Thanks,  
Seema Lindskog  
Cupertino Resident

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"You must be the change you want to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

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**To:** [Cyrah Caburian](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Agenda item 12 - Moving Staff and Council Reports in front of all community input  
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From: Peggy Griffin <[griffin@compuserve.com](mailto:griffin@compuserve.com)>  
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To: Liang Chao <[LiangChao@cupertino.org](mailto:LiangChao@cupertino.org)>  
Subject: Agenda item 12 - Moving Staff and Council Reports in front of all community input

Hi Vice Mayor Chao,

Tomorrow's item #12 on the CC agenda is to consider changing the order of the CC and staff reports be moved ahead of Oral Communications. Why?

I thought having it after the agenda items allowed the members to speak regarding them or request items be added to future agendas based on community input. Moving it ahead of all community input prevents that from happening, or am I missing something?

I was not pleased with the Staff Report because it did not explain the reason for this action. The WHY to actions should be documented.

What are the reasons for doing this?

Thank you for your time,  
Peggy Griffin