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*Public Records Advisory Council*

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RE: Agenda Item: VII Deliberation on whether the next council Meeting should be in person (with a virtual attendance option) or remain fully virtual and, if meeting in-person, where that should be.

Good Day members of the Public Records Advisory Council and members of the public

Speaking as a public member of limited resources, climate control, limited resources that the Advisory Council may have, pressed scheduling's of those working, and having attended numerous "virtual option" meetings, the preferred option should remain as virtual for the reasons stated below:

1. While I am not a member of the Council, have no voting rights and potentially no sway with the Council, economic factors do play a large part:
  - a.) Price of Gas
  - b.) Wear and tear on vehicle
  - c.) Increased risk potential driving in bad weather, or any weather to that concern
  - d.) Using valuable Funding resources for purchasing lunches, snack
  - e.) Below poverty level, working poor, disabled and seniors do not and can not afford and extra 30 - 50 dollars a month to drive around attending meetings one hundred miles away
  - f.) Alienates the public from attendance and rises questions of transparency
  - g.) Spending tax-payer dollars on frivolous budget items that could be spent more meaningfully elsewhere.
  
2. **Climate Control:** On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 20-04 directing agencies to reduce climate pollution. Under Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FILING CAPTION: *Climate friendly and equitable communities rulemaking* (CFEC), filed on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:30pm with the Archives Division Secretary of State, marked as Exhibit 31, the Transportation Options of Oregon Board of Directors (Directors) on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, made comment to Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Agenda Item 6 CFEC Transportation Option Proposed Rule 0145. In part it states: "Our organization assisted ODOT with the development of the nation's first Transportation Options Plan in 2015, and continues to support innovative policies, plans, and **programs that assist Oregonians in driving less.**" The Directors went further "To quote the CFEC Rulemaking Committee's summary "we must do things differently than we have in the past, or risk unacceptable outcomes." While SARs-Cov-2 (Covid-19) forced the nation into the virtual realm of meetings during those first several months greenhouse gas dropped significantly. Scientists and Environmentalist were hopeful that the planet could heal itself. Now that society feels the pandemic is over and things can return back to old habits, is this a directive this Council chooses to take - passing the buck of climate control to the other guy ?

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3. While meeting in person with a virtual option may provide a meaningful work around for the muliti-appointment-taskers, the virtual option with in-person meetings has significant draw backs.
  - a.) Some people may have to leave the meeting an hour early just to make another scheduled meeting resulting in lost valuable information and dialogue
  - b.) People meeting in-person generally do not speak loud enough for audio playback
  - c.) People meeting in-person with a laptop or tablet do not use the in-microphone to speak into - this is no reflection on this Council, currently.
  - d.) When a recording microphone is setup with groups larger than 4 sitting at a round table, some people are too far away from the microphone to be heard.
  - e.) Persons who use a laptop or tablet sitting next to someone who does not show no social ilk in allowing that person to place a meaningful comment and to be heard by those who are virtual
  - f.) Audio playback volume on the virtual option can create a poor quality playback.
  - g.) Under video playback, persons out of screen can not been seen, they can not be heard and introductions of Whom is speaking is not there - this point is no reflection on this Council as the meetings stand now. Madame Chair is extremely diligent with those speaker introductions.
  - h.) Some facilities do not have WiFi capabilities
  - i.) Meeting in-person alienates the public with poor feedback

I am sure I could come with more reasons, but I am already at two pages.

Respectfully,

/s/ Jo A. Barker  
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