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WEST COVINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING: JANUARY 19, 2021

Good evening Mayor, City Council, City Staff and Residents

My name is Marsha Solorio, 20+ year resident of West Covina and community member of the Finance & Audit Committee.

I am calling in tonight to loosely address Item # 29 on tonight's agenda.

First, I want to say welcome to our newly elected councilmembers. I look forward to meeting you both.

So, like many of us, as soon as I see the Agenda alert email, I quickly click the link to peruse the items to be discussed. As I made my way down the list, I was a bit surprised to see item #29 – Consideration of Corrective Action Plan in response to the Dec 2020 State Auditors report. I found this very Interesting..because although various attempts have been made to schedule a meeting, the Finance & Audit Committee has not had a meeting since June. And this means the committee has not had the opportunity to review and discuss said report and corrective action plan before it is presented to the City Council.

So, this now makes it two recent audit reports that have been presented to City Council before it is brought to the Committee. As I have mentioned in previous comments, the usual process is that a report is first presented to an audit committee then presented to Council. This provides council and the residents assurance that any major issues or findings to be addressed have benefited from the committee's feedback. Will we have all the answers? No. But our committee covers a wide scope of areas of expertise within finance and audit, ready to assist them in stewardship of the City's financial affairs, as stated in our resolution.

Therefore tonight, I won't comment on the CAP being proposed, but humbly request that moving forward, City staff make every attempt possible to present any and all audit reports to the Finance & Audit Committee first. We are here and willing.

Thank you.