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Hi Supervisors,

Pity you can't agree. Maybe you should just give yourselves 20 minutes and draw straws if you still can't agree, before this goes too far.

Last year, I was the first to welcome Monica to the Board. I advised her to listen to both sides of an issue. Cutting off speakers' last sentences, calling people off topic when they are not., pushing agenda items to the next day, when many speakers can't be there, simply make them angrier. The one-sided push to enshrine half-baked ideas in the County's ordinances, as if they mean so much in the scheme of things, destroys trust.

A great time to listen to the people, good ideas from both sides, hopefully without the name calling, the meanness, false narratives in the media often promoted by the people who are supposed to lead instead of hiding behind a facade, the lack of thinking that the bad guys are all on one side and the County is always right.

It is a great opportunity to correct these failures of the past. The good news is that you're already doing it bit by bit.

Listening consistently to both sides is a great start. I'd say that Jim is the best at this.

Regards,

Paul Henkin