

ATTACHMENT

For Item

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To: Vargas, Nora (BOS); Fletcher, Nathan (BOS); Desmond, Jim; Anderson, Joel; Lawson-Remer, Terra
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Subject: [External] PROMOTING GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY UPDATE (Please include with agenda item 9)

Hi Supervisors,

The equity statement hints that there are too many Whites, educated, and older people on the County Boards and Commissions. So why do you keep appointing them? This problem would not be so bad if you included appointments to these boards in discussion items instead of the consent calendar, so that the entire community could make meaningful comments on the candidates.

And if you really wanted to improve transparency, here are a few ideas:

The agenda overview used to be a few paragraphs. Now, with all those flowery descriptions, it sounds like a sales pitch, not an objective description. The agendas from 2012 to 2017 only have a few paragraphs.

One thing which would help is a brief statement of need. Jim I think has done a few of these. It's a waste of your time and ours to be given the sweet talk, and I'm sure it contributes to wrong impressions about what the real intent of an item is. This is not about free speech but about wasted time and resources.

Then, there are the equity statements, some are to the point, but since they are included for all items, some seem to degenerate into whining about the haves and have nots. Some, like Fire or Sheriff Department matters, are a restatement of the overview or rules already in force, and are probably not needed.]

Regards,

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