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To: Sarah Schaefer; Scott Davies; Karen Diemer; David Loya
Subject: Live video or audio recording of the September 26 Study Session ?

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To: Mayor Sarah Schafer, Chair Scott Davies, Karen Diemer, David Loya
Re: Will there be an audio or live video recording of the September 26 Study Session ?

Hello, Sarah, Scott, Karen, and David --

I support your decision to have the next CC-PC study session as a "round table" seating arrangement. As I mentioned at the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, you learned a lot from that first study session on August 22. What I'd like to see for you to build on what you experienced and schedule more round-table study sessions, just on Gateway. Perhaps two or three more, in addition to the September 26 meeting.

I understand the technical issues having microphones and video coverage of a round-table meeting.

At the PC meeting on Tuesday, David remarked "The mayor is working on a plan to ensure that folks who are only able to Zoom in, do have access to make comments."

There's an implication there that the full meeting will **not** be available on Zoom?

Will the study session be both recorded and live on Zoom?

Please let me know if I can help. If you don't have facilities to do the video recording, I can at least put audio recordings of the study sessions on Arcata1.com

I made audio recordings of the August 23, 2022, CC-PC study session. That webpage has **over 520 views** / listenings. I made audio recordings of the Council meeting with Committee Chairs from Feb 21, 2023 -- over 200 views there. I personally paid for the video recording of the first Form-Based Code meeting with Ben Noble, on February 11, 2023.

The cost for hiring Eric Black to make a video recording of the study session would be \$175-\$200. His video would be a bit crude (unedited) but a whole lot better than not having a recording. An example of what it might be like is the Ben Noble meeting, [shown here](#), but I think he can do better than that with a little instruction.

Technical ideas:

- Using several conference microphones at the tables. I imagine the City has these. I can borrow one if needed.

- The County Supervisors chamber uses a series of video cameras, mounted on tripods at the floor level, that are remotely zoomed, panned, controlled, etc. These cameras are in the \$250-\$600 price range each. Three or so might be needed.

Thank you.

-- Fred