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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am sorry I was not given an opportunity to speak to you early on today, during the public comment period.

When a large group of people are present to speak, not everyone can wait until the members of the group are done.

I do support the concerns of the SEIU regarding the Health Services Agency, but I am 75 years of age, and I did happen to have a doctor's appointment later Tuesday morning.

Also, in my case, arthritis prevents me from standing in line for an extended period of time.

In addition, it was my impression that people who wish to speak should not start lining up to speak until invited to do so by the Chairperson of the Board.

What happened today gives an advantage to those who can stand for a long period of time, and to members of a large group.

May I suggest a change in the meeting rules, so that people who are disabled and those who are over 65 years of age be given the first opportunity to speak, followed by the remaining persons and large groups?

Thank you for considering this.

Very truly,

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