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Subject: Public Comment and Questions for DWSD's May 5, 2021 meeting and the GLWA Board of Water Commissioners
ps I had my hand raised for public comment
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!. The Michigan Open Meetings Act requires that citizens be allowed to have their chance to make comments and to video public meetings.

When meetings were held in person, we citizens could whisper to people next to us, write notes to them or go out into the hall to converse while the meeting was going on.

When the city disables the Zoom Chat, both in the DWSD meetings as well as in the charter mandated mayoral community meeting which I attended last night, our government is guilty of violating the intent of the open meetings act.

DWSD has the public comment at the 1st of the meeting before the discussion of the agenda or votes are taken; on this meeting today, all details of documents we were told to look at before making our public comment other than the general agenda were "UNAVAILABLE"; a 2nd public comment before you vote and at the end of the meeting will cure this lapse in democracy.

When I listen to meetings I get questions and ideas I'd like to share with the board and the public; when ZOOM CHAT is closed, I can't; when the current Mayor in last night's district 5 community meeting did not let all interested public comment at the end of his meeting and also the CHAT CLOSED, the intent of the Open Meetings Act was disregarded. DWSD and GLWA disregards the intent of the Open Meetings Act as well as the International Joint Commission Agreement of 1978 (which was last revised in 2012), by your lack of response and true public involvement; on page 12 in 2012: "the commission may make special reports to.... and to the public concerning any water quality ..." Under the 2012 16th Biennial Report the IJC will provide progress reports every 3 years after which the IJC will complete extensive research" and "WILL CONSULT WITH the PUBLIC."

Do the agreements carry moral and legal obligations that affect the policies and procedures of DWSD and GLWA? and if so, how, and if possible when did they?

We DO NOT want an authoritarian police state; WE WANT an informed, Participatory Democracy, in Practice, not just in name.

2. The Open Meeting Act only requires you to let us be heard; it does not require you to respond; you can continue to sit silent, and fail to give informative responses; but I am asking you for any public comments you have used to modify your plans and policies. I know Saulius Simoliunass and I have tried to make suggestions and ask questions in numerous public comments with no answers from the board.

Saul is recovering from a stroke and currently we are submitting a poster report to the upcoming International Association of Great Lakes Water Research Conference;

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD GIVE FEEDBACK ON ANY REACTIONS TO OUR PUBLIC COMMENTS IN ANY of your subsequent DISCUSSIONS OR POLICIES THAT YOU IMPLEMENTED SUBSEQUENTLY, so that I can include this in our report to the and will consult with IAGRA conference (asap if possible).

Do you have staff, not contractors, to send to scientific conferences that IAGRA AND AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY and others hold that relate to water quality?

PS so far I am unable to raise my hand on zoom for 2nd meeting because now even the ZOOM HAND is disabled. the 1st meeting allowed me to raise my hand, but ignored me. No one will be allowed ? because you made a rule that we had to email you before the meeting started at 1 PM in order to make a public comment???

This is Democracy in Detroit : in the general board meeting and your committee meetings on the afternoon of May 5, 2021, NO PUBIC COMMENT and NO CHAT by me was allowed and NONE was made by any other citizen. We have great Detroiters who suffer from a government that keeps them out; we love them and if you do too, you will try to improve.