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The following is public commentary as it pertains to item #11 on tonight's agenda:

## Councilmembers,

The appointments to committees and commissions should remain at large appointments for several reasons;

- 1. doing so would seriously limit the volunteer pool,
- 2. give an unfair advantage to the mayor because the mayor's appointment would create one district with two representatives
- 3. doing so could lead to discriminatory underrepresentation of majority-minority districts
- 4. districting provides an unfair advantage for potential competitors. Most councilmembers start as commissioners and changing the way these appointments are made means that residents of these districts who have different views from their representatives are unlikely to ever be represented in these commissions. Lompoc already has too limited a pool of candidates for public office, this would limit it even further.

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