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Lara,

Would you please include this email in the OGC packer from me, re: the unfounded Grand Street complaint. I have direct experience that contradicts the claim that public commenters were not allowed to speak.

On November 1, 2022 the city council undertook a discussion, at the public direction of three members of the council, to consider options for a upgraded safety improvements on Grand street. After 15 minutes of public comment, after all speakers who had asked to speak were done, the comment period was closed and council began it's deliberations. During meetings, I keep the participant list open which allows me to see not only the people who have signed into the meeting, but also who has raised their hand to speak. After the public comment period was closed and council discussion has begun, four attendees who had apparently decided to try and speak last, raised their hands. They were not called upon as public comment had ended.

Best,

John Knox White  
City Councilmember, Alameda  
(he/him or they/them)