March 26, 2018

Alameda City Council 2263 Oak Street Alameda, CA 94501

Re: Agenda Item 9-D - Council Referral

April 3, 2018 City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I noticed the council referral dealing with "Increasing the Number of Regular Meetings of the City Council." I am not sure if Councilmembers Oddie and Ezzy Ashcraft are aware that the Open Government Commission recently discussed this issue while reviewing the city council rules of order. The commission has submitted its recommendations that include the number of council meetings within the context of the length of meetings. The council might want to address this issue when the rules of order come before you, possibly at your next meeting. If the commission's recommendations are adopted, the "extra meetings" issue could become moot.

Sincerely,

Irene Dieter

Open Government Commission, Chair