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From the point of view of the League, meetings of the full board are generally brief, consisting of pro-forma approvals or denials of actions decided in committees, reflected in the minutes. It is hardly surprising that few people view recordings of these meetings. Committee meetings, particularly meetings of standing committees, are where the work that citizens need to see is done. The minutes show the actions and don't detail the conversations that show how the decisions were arrived at. LWVDC believes that access to the work of these committees is necessary to engage citizens who cannot attend in person due to family, health, or work commitments, especially rural citizens who would need to add significant travel time to attend. At minimum, we would like to see a commitment to having at least one standing committee have their meetings recorded and available to the public. Then assess whether these recordings are made use of, as a way to determine demand.

Sincerely,

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