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To: NW Council Representatives

From: Mike Pirone, NW Council Chair

Subject: PRE-SUBMITTED NEW BUSINESS: Chat capability during hybrid NW Council Meetings

Background

In the prior council term, Zoom chat functionality during virtual NW Council meetings was enabled, but the same functionality was disabled during SPEEA Council meetings. Some CRs find the chat distracting from the council business and with the transition to hybrid NW Council meetings, the chat will only be visible and accessible to a subset of the council members and SPEEA staff. That said, this chat, while not on the record, can serve as a useful tool for those who are not physically present. Zoom Chat also provides virtual attendees the ability to privately message each other, a feature that cannot be decoupled from public chat. The council officers feel this is a decision best suited to the council at large, instead of only officers.

Motion

It is moved **THE NW COUNCIL APPROVES THE ENABLING OF THE ZOOM CHAT FEATURE DURING HYBRID COUNCIL MEETINGS.**