

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE 10/17/23 AVALON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Please attend the city council meeting happening in just a few short days on **Tuesday, October 17 at 5:00 pm.**

As we understand it, CIC will present in an informational capacity only. We have asked for the item to be formally added to the agenda, but we fear sham proceedings and limited opportunity for public comment. We do not believe the public will be permitted to question the CIC representative presenting.

If people don't show up or submit comments they will be able to say we don't really care after all. We can't let that happen. **Please show up.** If you can't attend, please submit a written statement in advance and join the livestream [here](#). See below for email addresses and important language to include in your email.

Decorum must be maintained at all times for obvious reasons. Indignation, frustration, and measured anger are all natural and appropriate, but we can't give them what they want — a reason to mischaracterize and dismiss us.

Statements in opposition are **best if read by the author in person** at the meeting. Please write your statement out and read the statement to yourself out loud and time it. If it runs over two minutes, bring someone with you who will yield their time to you. They must yield their time BEFORE you begin to speak.

- Statements from **people who have experienced gun violence** and are experiencing anxiety about aerial hunting are very important. We have powerful statements from two brave individuals already. Please reach out to anyone you think might be willing to speak or share in writing about their own experience. Obviously this is a very sensitive subject, so please take care when asking and no pressure whatsoever.
- **Avalon-specific statements** are very important (visitor loss impact on our economy, questions about CIC plan with regard to deer present inside Avalon city limits, resident dependence on hunting for recreation and/or food, etc.)
- People who experienced **the last CIC massacres** are also very important.
- People with specific experiences or observations that **refute CIC claims** regarding deer and Island health are important.

For persons attending and reading a statement at the meeting, please send a copy of your written statement to:

savetocalinadeer@gmail.com

For persons who can't attend, or who are not comfortable speaking in public, please send a request to have a statement entered into the record via email to each member of the city council, the city manager, cc to savetocalinadeer@gmail.com.

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Dear City Manager Maistros, Mayor Marshall, and members of the Avalon City Council. I am a resident of/regular visitor to Avalon. Please see below my statement regarding the Catalina Island Conservancy's plan to eliminate all mule deer from the Island. Please enter my statement into the record for the 10/17/23 city council meeting and/or for any meeting during which the CIC deer management plan will be discussed. Thank you.

PASTE STATEMENT