

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Mayor E. Holder and Council:

The Urban League of London is requesting Council consider adding a second Public Participation Meeting for December 11<sup>th</sup>. As Council discusses the budget, it is important residents have another chance to weigh in and speak to what possible decisions Council is considering before final approval of the budget.

At first glance, the budget seems relatively straight forward but when Council discusses the budget is when residents, organizations and businesses start to see where Council's priorities are situated. That discussion happens after the initial PPM, so as we have in previous years, we are asking if a second one can be added to give residents a chance to weigh in again, based on those discussions. We've had feedback from other organizations that this would be helpful.

Council's support for resident engagement in budget and other decisions is appreciated and necessary. The best decisions happen with input and engagement from those impacted by those decisions.

Thank you for considering.

Regards,

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