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Mayor Rich:

I am experienced at public speaking and making public comments on zoom and live. I speak with some experience.

I am a strong advocate for public comment, no matter if it is unsettling, or at odds with my views. However, I am also aghast at "hate" speak.

How to allow one and not the other?

Suggestions:

1. 10 second time delay. When hate speak is heard, hit the "silence" button.
2. Screen callers and ask to hear 20 seconds of their planned comments. If they stray from their presented subject, silence them, explain you are doing so for public safety, and move to next speaker
3. Let folks speak with no pre screening, and no time delay, but have a very "aware" person on the "silent" button. If the person on the silent button made a mistake and no hate speak is happening, go live again.

I hope these ideas are of value. Thanks for asking for opinions.

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