

Public Comment

Any member of the public may provide public testimony before the Planning Council during Public Comment periods. Council members may also speak as members of the public.

General public comment shall be allowed near the beginning of every agenda. The public also has the right to comment before any item up for a vote before the Council. The public comment period shall take place after the Council members have completed their discussion on the item and immediately before voting.

Each member of the public may address the Council for up to three (3) minutes. The time limitations for Public Comment will be enforced by the Co-chairs.

A brief summary of the comments will appear in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to submit written public comment may provide a written statement, not to exceed 150 words, to Planning Council Support Staff prior to the close of the meeting where testimony is presented.

Public comment is not a forum for answering questions. The Planning Council will not respond to public comment. The Planning Council Co-chairs, at their discretion, may ask for clarification from members of the public on agenda items. If members of the public have questions related to items on the agenda, they may submit those questions to Planning Council Support who will either provide the answer or direct members of the public to the appropriate resource for answering their questions.

The Brown Act forbids the Council from taking action or discussing any item not appearing on posted agendas, including items raised during public comment.

The Planning Council requests that those members wishing to provide testimony before the Council do so in a manner that supports a considerate and respectful process. The Planning Council Co-chairs will ensure that these procedures are applied equally and consistently with all members of the public.