

Amendment 4 Version 1 to Resolution 32096 - LEG 2023 Amended Council Rules RES

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Public Comment on matters within purview of Committee during Committee meetings

Effect: This Amendment amends Rule XI.C regarding the scope of public comment at City Council meetings and Committee meetings. The amendment expands the scope of appropriate comment from only matters on the committee agenda, as is proposed in RES 32096, to include matters on the agenda as well as within the purview of the committee.

1. Amend Attachment 1 to Resolution 32096 as follows:

Rule XI.C is hereby amended as follows:

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C. Public Comment at City Council Meetings and Committee Meetings.

Public comment periods are opportunities for members of the public to comment on items on the meeting's agenda, or in the case of a committee meeting, on matters within the purview of the committee. The agenda for a particular Council meeting will specify the type of public comment accepted, and it may specify the total time allotted for the public comment period and time limits for individual comments. (See Rule XI.B Public Hearings.)

1. The Council shall not accept oral public comment at special City Council meetings.
2. The Council shall accept oral and/or written public comment at regular City Council meetings.
 - a. Public comment at City Council meetings shall be limited to matters on the Introduction and Referral Calendar, Committee Reports on that day's regular City Council meeting agenda, and other matters directly related to the City Council Work Program.
 - b. The President shall ensure that all public comment is in accordance with Rule XI.C.2.a.
3. Council committees shall accept oral and/or written public comment at standing and select committee meetings.
 - a. Public comment at a committee meeting shall be limited to items listed on that day's agenda ~~((, unless the presiding officer chooses to accept public comment on matters within the purview of the committee and prior notice of that choice is provided on the agenda))~~ as well as matters within the purview of the committee.
 - b. The presiding officer at a committee meeting shall ensure that all public comment is in accordance with Rule XI.C.3.a.