Preparing for Public Comment

No matter how comfortable you are with public speaking, you have what it takes to give public comment. Public comments usually include common elements and have a similar structure. It is important to remember that cities or counties limit public comments to 2 or 3 minutes. Use the space below to draft a concise and effective public comment.

5 key elements to include in your public comment:

- State your name, where you live, and an organization and/or coalition that you are speaking on behalf of
- Share a personal reason highlighting why you care about this issue
- Include one statistic, make it local
- Counter one of the arguments used against this policy
- Include an ask

Once you’ve drafted your public comment, make sure to practice, practice, practice. Don’t worry if you don’t have it memorized – it’s OK to read from your notes.

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