



# City of Sacramento

## LEGISLATIVE BODIES

### REQUEST TO SPEAK

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE CITY CLERK

MEETING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS MAY BE LIMITED TO A SPECIFIED TIME ALLOTMENT

Matters LISTED on the Agenda

Agenda Item No: 11

Subject: ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

CLOSURES

In Favor

Oppose

Matters NOT Listed on the Agenda

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Personal Information:

Except for your name, the information requested below is voluntary and used by staff to contact you if necessary. When you request to speak before the legislative body, your name is included in the City's official minutes. This form is subject to disclosure under the California Public Record Request Act.

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Council District No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Not a City Resident

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**NOTICE TO LOBBYISTS:** In compliance with City Code Section 2.15.150 you **MUST** identify yourself as a lobbyist and also verbally identify the client(s), business or organization you are representing.

I am a  Registered Lobbyist

Unregistered Lobbyist and I represent:

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## General Conduct for the Public Attending Council Meetings

- Members of the public attending City Council meetings shall observe the same rules and decorum applicable to the Members and staff as noted in Chapters 3 and 4 of Council Rules of Procedure.
- Stamping of feet, whistles, yells or shouting, physically threatening conduct, and/or similar demonstrations are unacceptable public behavior and will be prohibited by the Sergeant-at-Arms.
- Lobbyists must identify themselves and the client(s), business or organization they represent before speaking to the Council
- Members of the public wishing to provide documents to the Council shall comply with Rule 7 D of the Council Rules of Procedure. (Available on the City's Website)

## Members of the Public Addressing the City Council

**Purpose of Public Comment.** The City provides opportunities for the public to address the Council as a whole in order to listen to the public's opinions regarding unagendized matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City during Regular meetings and regarding items on the Agenda at all other meetings.

- Public comments should not be addressed to individual Members nor to City officials, but rather to the City Council as a whole regarding City business.
- While the public may speak their opinions on City business, personal attacks on Members and City officials, use of swear words, and signs or displays of disrespect for individuals are discouraged as they impede good communication with the Council.
- Consistent with the Brown Act, the public comment periods on the Agenda are not intended to be "Question and Answer" periods or conversations with the Council and City officials. The limited circumstances under which Members may respond to public comments are set out in Rule 8 D 2 of the Council Rules of Procedure.
- Members of the public with questions concerning Consent Calendar items may contact the staff person or the Council Member whose district is identified on the report prior to the meeting to reduce the need for discussion of Consent Calendar items and to better respond to the public's questions.

**Speaker Time Limits.** In the interest of facilitating the Council's conduct of the business of the City, the following time limits apply to members of the public (speakers) who wish to address the Council during the meeting.

- Matters not on the Agenda. Two (2) minutes per speaker.
- Consent Calendar Items. The Consent Calendar is considered a single item, and speakers are therefore subject to the two (2) minute time limit for the entire Consent Calendar. Consent Calendar items can be pulled at a Council member's request. Such pulled Consent Calendar items will be considered individually and up to two (2) minutes of public comment per speaker on those items will be permitted.
- Discussion Calendar Items. Two (2) minutes per speaker.

**Time Limits per Meeting:** In addition to the above time limits per item, the total amount of time any one individual may address the Council at any meeting is eight (8) minutes.

- Each speaker shall limit his/her remarks to the specified time allotment.
- The Presiding Officer shall consistently utilize the timing system which provides speakers with notice of their remaining time to complete their comments. A countdown display of the allotted time will appear and will flash red at the end of the allotted time.
- In the further interest of time, speakers may be asked to limit their comments to new materials and not repeat what a prior speaker said. Organized groups may choose a single spokesperson who may speak for the group but with no increase in time.
- Speakers shall not concede any part of their allotted time to another speaker.
- The Presiding Officer may further limit the time allotted for public comments per speaker or in total for the orderly conduct of the meeting and such limits shall be fairly applied.

## Tips for Speaking before Council

- Come up to the podium in a timely manner when your name is announced and stand behind the speaker in front of you.
- Position yourself between the two microphones.
- Clearly state your name for the record. (You are not required to state your address)

*Thank you for your testimony.*