Giving oral public testimony at Committee and Plan Team meetings

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1. The Chair of a Council Committee or Plan Team decides whether there will be an opportunity for the public to provide oral testimony during the meeting, usually scheduled for designated times. The agenda or schedule will indicate if and when public testimony will be allowed. Note, you may always submit written public testimony on the e-agenda for any Council Committee or Plan Team meeting.

2. If you want to testify you MUST be connected to the meeting’s audio with your phone.

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Select the “Dial Out” option, enter your phone number, and the meeting will call you within a minute to connect you to audio for the meeting. Please mute yourself on your phone until your name is called to testify. Please do not press ‘Join’ more than once, or you will receive multiple calls.

3. When it is time for public testimony, the Chair will ask attendees to raise their hand. Wait for the meeting Chair to call your name, unmute your phone, and give your testimony. You can see the list of testifiers with raised hands in the attendees pod.