

# Denver City Council's General Public Comment Session

## FAQs

### **What is the general public comment session at the Denver City Council?**

Starting at 5pm before the first regularly scheduled Council meeting each month, the Denver City Council hosts a 30-minute public comment session, inviting members of the public to address the full Council on any topic of their choice.

### **How long will I get to speak?**

Each speaker gets a maximum of 3 minutes to speak on any topic of his/her choice. The Council member presiding over the public comment session gavels the speaker when the 3 minutes has expired.

### **Where is the general public comment session?**

The general public comment session takes place in the Council Chambers, Room 450, City & County Building (1437 Bannock Street, Denver CO 80202).

### **How do I sign up to speak at the general public comment session?**

Starting at 12pm on the Friday before the next scheduled general public comment session, sign up via email using [dencc@denvergov.org](mailto:dencc@denvergov.org); phone by calling 720-337-2000; or in person with a member of the Legislative Services staff in the City & County Building, Room 451. Sign-up closes at 4:30pm the day of the general public comment session.

### **What information will I be asked to provide in order to sign-up to speak?**

First name, last name, mailing address, email address, phone number, whether ADA or language interpretation accommodations are needed (must be requested at least one business day in advance of the scheduled general public comment session), and speaker topic. **NO sign-up by proxy**; the person wishing to speak must be the one to sign up. Only one email or phone call or in-person sign-up per person is permitted.

### **How is speaker order determined?**

Speaker order is decided on a first-come, first-served basis (using the date/time the sign-up request is received) with preference given to those individuals who did not speak at the previous general public comment session. Once the 4:30pm deadline passes, Legislative Services staff prints and posts the speaker order (names only) on the Council Chambers' doors and in the front office.

### **Will everyone who signs up get to speak?**

The general public comment session is 30 minutes. Council will accommodate as many speakers as can fit within that timeframe. Depending on how many individuals sign up and the order in which the request is received, the requester might not be able to speak.

### **Will I get a response back from Council?**

The Council will not respond directly to any speaker during the general public comment session. However, follow-up responses after the public comment session may be provided on issues raised by speakers at the request of Council members, when information is requested by speakers, or when issues raised can be addressed directly by Legislative Services staff or a Council office.