

## HOW DO I TESTIFY?

Any citizen may speak before Houston City Council on Tuesdays during Public Session. Public session takes place every Tuesday beginning at 1:30pm, and on the last Tuesday of the month, beginning at 5:30pm. **You must be registered by 3pm the Monday prior.**

### REGISTER BY:



**832-393-1100**



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**In person at the Office of the City Secretary:  
City Hall Annex, 900 Bagby, Room P101, Public Level**

## HOW TO PREPARE YOUR TESTIMONY

- 1 Decide on your topic**  
Do you want to speak on an issue already before council or bring up a new issue impacting your community?
- 2 Do your research**  
Decide what narrative best fits your point. Some council members are data-driven; others are moved by personal stories. Reach out to organizations already addressing the topic to gather information that bolsters your argument.
- 3 Write your testimony**  
Draft clear, concise talking points. Focus on one main message and support it with facts or a personal story.
- 4 Practice and time yourself**  
Limit your testimony to 2 minutes to avoid being cut off. Practice out loud until you feel confident.
- 5 Follow up after testifying**  
Print extra copies to share with Council Members. Use this opportunity to draft longer testimony or create a one-pager for staff to reference later.

