

CITY OF ANGELS CITY COUNCIL

OPEN AND ORDERLY PUBLIC MEETINGS

(Government Code Section 36813)

1. The purpose of oral presentation at Council meetings, as well as written presentations is to formally communicate to the Council on matters pertaining to Council business, or citizens concerns. Such presentations are helpful to the Council in its decision making process. **The Council welcomes information and expressions of opinion from members of the public on any item which it may be considering. The Public shall be afforded the opportunity to address the Council pursuant to Government code Section 54954.3. However, any person in the audience who engages in disorderly conduct which disturbs the peace and good order of the meeting may be removed. (Government Code Section 54957.9)**
2. No person shall address the City Council without first being recognized by the presiding officer.
3. Persons addressing the City Council shall be given three (3) minutes to speak. The Council, by majority vote, may extend the time to speak, in its sole discretion, based on the particular facts or circumstances of the matter being considered.
4. Persons addressing the Council shall confine the subject matter of their presentation to the particular matter before the Council, **unless presentation is made under the public comment period.**
5. Each person addressing the City Council shall do so in an orderly manner and shall not make repetitious, slanderous or irrelevant remarks, or engage in any other disorderly conduct which disrupts or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the Council meeting.
6. **Persons addressing the Council shall address the Council as a whole and shall not attempt to engage in a dialogue with individual Council Members, City Staff or members of the audience.** No questions shall be asked of a Council Member or a City Staff without first obtaining permission of the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall determine whether or in what manner an answer will be provided. Any person violating this rule while addressing the Council shall be called to order by the presiding officer.