

Instructions for Making Public Comments By Phone

In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, in addition to all the public comments the the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission has been receiving prior to this meeting, the commissioners will also be taking public comment during their meeting by phone. There will be opportunities to address the commissioners regarding the items on the agenda and the process in general. In addition, for each agenda item that requires a vote, the public may provide comment on that particular item. Each time that the commissioners will bring up an action item, the viewing audience will be informed that it is time to call in if they wish to make a public comment. The commissioners will then allow at least 2 minutes for those who wish to comment to join the public comment queue.

To make a public comment, please dial **877-226-8163**. After dialing the number, you will speak to an operator. You will be asked to provide either the access code for the meeting which is **5185236** or the name of the meeting which is the "1st Meeting Citizens Redistricting Commission". After providing this information, the operator will ask you to provide your name. Please note that you are not required to provide your actual name if you do not wish to. When the operator asks for your name, you may provide either your own name or a name other than your own. When it is your turn to make a public comment, the moderator will introduce you by the name you provided to the operator. Providing a name helps AT&T, which is hosting this public comment process, to ensure that everyone holding for public comment has a chance to submit their comments. Please be assured that the State Auditor's Office is not maintaining any list of callers by name, and is only asking for some name so that the call moderator can manage multiple calls simultaneously and can let you know when it's your turn to speak.

After providing a name and speaking with the operator, you will be placed in a "listening room"- which is a virtual waiting room where you will wait until it is your turn to speak. In this "room", you will be able to listen to live audio of the meeting. You should mute your computer/livestream audio because the online video and audio will be approximately 60 seconds behind the live audio that you are hearing on your telephone. Moreover, if you fail to mute your computer/livestream audio, it will be extremely difficult for you to follow the meeting, and difficult for anyone to hear your comment due to feedback issues. Therefore, once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when you may be called upon to speak and please turn down the livestream volume.

From the listening room, listen to the meeting and the call moderator. When you decide that you want to make a comment about the agenda action item currently being discussed, press 1-0 (ONE-ZERO) and you will be placed in the queue to make a public comment about the action item under consideration. When joining the queue to make a public comment you should hear an automatic recording informing you that you have been placed in the queue. You will not receive any further instruction until the moderator brings you in to make your public comment.

The moderator will open your line and introduce you by the name that you provided to the operator. Once again, make sure that you have muted any background noise from your computer. Please do not use a speaker phone, but rather speak directly into your phone.

After the moderator introduces you, please state the name you provided to the operator, and then state your comment clearly and concisely. Comments will be limited to 2 minutes. After you finish making your comment, the commissioners will move on to the next caller. At that point, please hang up your phone. If you would like to comment on another agenda item at a later time, please call back when the commissioners open up public comment for that item and repeat this process.

If you are disconnected for any reason, please call back and explain the issue to the operator, then repeat this process and rejoin the public comment queue by pressing ONE ZERO.

The commissioners will take comment for every action item on the agenda. As you listen to the online video stream, public comments will be solicited. That is the time to call in. The process for making a comment will be the same each time—beginning by dialing **877-226-8163** and following the steps stated above.