

CITIZENSHIP #4 - PUBLIC TESTIMONY

CIVIC APPROVAL PROCESS

1. A citizen or a group of citizens present a proposal to a civic body.
proposal - an issue or project that someone wants considered.
civic - about citizens.
civic body - a governing institution.
2. Applicable regulations are reviewed.
applicable - regarding the proposal.
regulation - existing law and policy.
3. Public testimony is sought.
testimony - written or verbal opinion from citizens.
4. The civic body deliberates and takes action.
deliberate - discuss and debate about both proposal and testimony.
take action - vote to approve, disapprove, or delay.

IMPORTANT PARTS OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. Be respectful.
2. Specifically address the issue.
3. Clearly state your position.
4. Reference similar testimony if appropriate.
5. Recommend a certain action.
6. Stay within the time limit.