

GUIDELINES FOR THE APRIL 25, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING

The Metropolitan Council elected to hold a public hearing for Resolution [RS2023-2044](#) and Ordinance [BL2023-1741](#) at the Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Entry to Council Chamber

1. Council Chamber will open at 5:00 pm for members of the media to set up. Members of the media will be assigned a location by staff.
2. Council Chamber will open at 5:30 pm for members of the public.
3. Members of the public may line up in advance of 5:30 pm. Queues will be organized in the Mezzanine area outside the Chamber on the 2nd Floor. Overflow queues will be organized on the 1st Floor.
4. There will be no re-entry permitted in the Council Chamber. If a member of the public leaves the Chamber, they must return to the queue for re-entry.
5. Seats in the Chamber may not be reserved or saved for others.
6. There will be two queues, one for those in Support and one for those in Opposition. Seating in the Chamber will be filled on a first come basis from each queue as follows:
 - 5 persons from Opposition,
 - 5 persons from Support,This process will be repeated until occupancy in the Chamber is at capacity, as designated by the Fire Marshal.
7. If a seat in the Chamber becomes available, it will be offered to the next person in the queue, alternating between the Opposition and Support queue.
8. 10 seats in the Chamber will remain vacant throughout the Public Hearing to allow for maximum capacity of speakers and spectators. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, these seats will be filled from the queues.

Order of Speaking

1. Support – speakers seated in Chamber – after speaking, may return to their seat or may exit.
2. Support – speakers in queue – after speaking, must exit the Chamber and can return to the end of the queue to wait for a seat to open if desired.
3. Opposition – speakers seated in Chamber – after speaking, may return to their seat or may exit.
4. Opposition – speakers in queue – after speaking, must exit the Chamber and can return to the end of the queue to wait for a seat to open if desired.

General

1. Four hours total have been dedicated to the Public Hearing with two hours total allotted for support and two hours total allotted for opposition of the measures.
2. The clock will run for two hours per position.
3. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.
4. No speaker will be permitted to reserve time for another speaker or themselves.
5. Spanish interpretation services will be available at the public hearing. *Los servicios de interpretación en español estarán disponibles en la audiencia pública.*