



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

The key to a successful government is an impassioned, participatory public. We want each Long Beach resident to have the knowledge and tools to get involved. Here's a few ways to get started...



ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING:

There are a few types of public meetings:

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - Regular meetings of the City Council are held in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday of each week, except the last Tuesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. Items on the Council Agenda may include things such as public hearings, communications from elected offices, staff reports & proposed ordinances and resolutions. The meetings are chaired by the Mayor and agenda items are voted upon by nine elected council members.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING - All standing committees are established by resolution of the City Council. The Mayor appoints the council members of all standing committees and designates which member of each committee act as Chairman and Vice Chairman. Standing committee meetings are held at the request of the Committee Chairman. All committee meetings are open to the public, except in those instances where a closed session may properly be held under the Brown Act or other applicable law. Items of business are placed on the agenda at the direction of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, or committee member.

COMMISSION/BOARD MEETING - Commissions originate from four different sources: the City Charter, City Council action, vote of the people, and by state mandate.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC MEETING:

REVIEW THE AGENDA

If you're attending in person, be sure to review the agenda beforehand.



AGENDA ITEMS

Wait to speak until that issue comes up and you're prompted.



PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity to address the City Council on matters of public business which are NOT listed on the agenda. Fill out a speaker card 15 minutes before the meeting. Speaker cards are limited to the first 10 persons who have submitted their names in writing to the City Clerk. All others can wait until the end of the meeting to speak.

CANT ATTEND ?

Fill out an "eComment": eComment is available through the Long Beach City website and can correspond directly to a city council agenda item or can be a "public comment."



WHY ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING ?

There are many reasons to attend a public city meeting. You may wish to simply stay involved and aware of what's happening in the City. Or, you may wish to file a complaint or advocate / promote a cause or initiative. You can do these things by speaking or handing something to the Council.

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STAY INFORMED

How to stay informed and up-to-date on City of Long Beach:

- o Attend City Council Meetings
- o Subscribe to LinkLB - LinkLB is your connection to Long Beach, you can have information sent directly to you as the City publishes it.
- o Watch LBTV Live or stream council meetings online.

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BECOME A MEMBER

of a local board or commission.

Apply online on the City of Long Beach website to become a member of a local commission.

WWW.LONGBEACH.GOV/CITYCLERK

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PROCESS:

Other ways for citizens to get involved in local government include contacting your council member, participating in neighborhood-based organizations, petitioning, and letter writing.