

**State of Texas
County of Bexar
City of San Antonio**



**Meeting Minutes
Public Comment Session**

Municipal Plaza Building
114 W. Commerce Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205

2023 – 2025 Council Members

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

Dr. Sukh Kaur, Dist. 1 | Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2
Phyllis Viagran, Dist. 3 | Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Dist. 4
Teri Castillo, Dist. 5 | Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6
Marina Alderete Gavito, Dist. 7 | Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8
John Courage, Dist. 9 | Marc Whyte, Dist. 10

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

5:00 PM

City Council Chambers

The City Council convened the Public Comment Session in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 5:02 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 9 – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte

ABSENT: 2 - Viagran, Pelaez

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment is your opportunity to address your City of San Antonio elected officials directly about issues that are important to you and your community. To sign up to speak visit www.saspeakup.com. Click on meetings and events and select the meeting you'd like to participate in. Sign up to speak or submit a written comment. NOTE: Speaker registration closes 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Members of the public are given up to three minutes to speak, and groups are given up to nine minutes.

Laura Linam spoke in support of funding to help animals and moving toward a no-kill shelter.

Katie Gallegos, Jecoa Ross, Scott Kanski, Kristin Paredez, Justin Uresti, Taylor Bazajou, Diana De La Torre Pinedo, Nate Masso, Maria Guerra, Adrian Lugo, Ana Trevino, Grace Fuller, Genevieve Donaldson, Angel Diaz, Denzel Rubio, Brett Aull, Alexa Motega, Victoria Ramirez, Mia Cabrera, Ale Talamantes Martinez, Morgan Carolin, Victoria Guajardo, Aston Condel, Carson Parkinson, Suraya Khan, Rene Martinez, Isabelle Fuentes, Fatima Masoud, Karla Cortez, Antonio Allevato, Judith Norman, Cristina Martinez, Gerar Nawab and Hayden Pugh demanded that the San Antonio City Council call for a permanent cease fire in Gaza to stop the fighting between Israel and Hamas, and to free Palestine.

Maria Tihppen, Bette Alvarez, Roxanna Rojas spoke against genocide of indigenous people not only in Palestine but in San Antonio with its Native American history.

Albert Campbell and Molly supported more assistance to homeless persons including warming centers and requested that the police stop harassing them.

Adelita Vasquez spoke in support of grandparents having rights to see their grandchildren in Child Protective Services care.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**