

**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, November 1, 2023

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 5:15 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 11 – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

ABSENT: None

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. Members of the public are given up to three minutes to speak, and groups are given up to nine minutes.

Cristina Martinez, Morgan Carolin, Cecilia Gutierrez, Victoria Ramirez, Taylor Bazajou, Sky Lenaghan, Ngungu Gakunga, Andy Tinoco, Jonathan De Hoyos, Cecelia Golden, Genevieve

Donaldson, Regan Davis, Metzli Sanchez, Jake Tucker, Noah Escamilla, Valerie Gonzalez, Rachell Tucker, Mia Cabrera, Janine Usher, Fatima Masoud, Dylan Villalon, Brett Aull, Chiya Orosco, Jessica Solis, Mohammad Rasool, Jecoa Ross, Ananda Tomas, Angela Pardo, Mel Webb, Malik Hakim Harris, Vincent Martinez and Salma Kherais spoke in support of Palestine and requested a cease fire in Gaza related to the war between Israel and Hamas and called for the City of San Antonio to end its Friendship City status with Tel Aviv.

Anthony Cruz requested a cease fire in Gaza but stated that San Antonio should keep its friendship city status with Tel Aviv as the people of Tel Aviv were also victims of the Israeli government.

Jesse Ortega spoke against development, traffic and noise near his home on S. Presa.

Marisa Jimenez, Kasey Jimenez, Deanna Lee, Lea LaPort and John Bachman spoke in support of Animal Care Services and spay/neuter and adoptions and moving toward no kill.

Molly Wright spoke in support of more programs and funding for housing and the homeless.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**