

**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, October 16, 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 5:09 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT: 10** – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte

**ABSENT: 1** - 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](http://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.

2.

Dalia Flores Contreras provided a report on the State of Education in San Antonio prepared by her agency, City Education Partners, and spoke in support of high-quality primary education. Jillian Duran and Gladys Hernandez suggested ways the City Council could help improve student education. Daiana Lambrecht, Sandra Valdez, and Michael Ratliffe with Futuro San Antonio spoke in support of improved education.

Eric Dover demanded that San Antonio discontinue adding fluoride to San Antonio's drinking water and maintained that this caused brain damage in children.

Mike Knuffke with the San Antonio Family Association spoke against the Reproductive Justice Fund being used for transportation for women to seek an out-of-state abortion. Knuffke opposed using taxes to pay for VIA Metropolitan Transit and stated that bus fares only cover \$0.8 per dollar. He suggested that the City was using housing funding to support transit.

Deborah Castoreno requested support for Israel and complained about air pollution from CPS Energy nuclear power plants.

Richard Garcia requested a call back from 3-1-1 and spoke regarding the Memorial Branch Library.

John Bachman spoke in support of moving Animal Care Services to the no-kill status including more spay/neuter surgeries.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**