

**State of Texas
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City of San Antonio**



**Meeting Minutes
Public Comment Session**

City Hall Complex
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, August 9, 2023

5:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council convened a regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 5:04 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

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

ABSENT: 1 - Cabello Havrda

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.

Eiginio Rodriguez spoke of drainage and water main breaks in the Loma Vista neighborhood and noted that there was a chance that asbestos was in the water.

Jacquelyn Ayala spoke of the need for an integrated marketing campaign on the basics of responsibly caring for pets.

Rogelio Sanchez stated that nothing was being done to reach out to the local Hispanic community. He noted that the City should invest in community resources.

Vicki Steerman spoke in support of the Animal Care Services Budget proposal.

Vanessa Acosta noted that backyard breeders were a safety issue. She asked why Animal Care Services and the San Antonio Police Department were not working together.

Cristian Martinez stated that there was no support for aggressive disabled children and adults.

Jesse Ortega complained about motorcycles in his neighborhood. He stated that he hoped to meet with Councilmember Kaur.

Stephanie Torres stated that the rescue community and homeless animals needed the Mayor's help. She noted that the City was short on fosters and spay and neuter services.

John Bachman displayed images of dogs being euthanized by Animal Care Services yesterday. He recommended an assessment of Animal Care Services operations by an external entity.

Erica Thacker spoke of the evils of euthanization and noted that it was not okay to kill innocent baby animals.

Columba Wilson spoke of her grandson who has autism.

Pedro Ruiz spoke against tree removal in Brackenridge Park.

Antonio Diaz spoke regarding indigenous history and noted that to keep people ignorant of indigenous history was cultural genocide.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**