

**TIPS FOR TESTIFYING:**

**A few recommendations for when you communicate – in writing or during public comment – to share your concerns:**

Be polite. Thank the Council Members for hearing you out.

Don't attack them, and don't criticize them individually (you will be ruled out of order).

Keep your remarks tight. You will be cut off (probably after 2 minutes)

Please use your own words, speak from your own perspective and experience – don't just cut and paste talking points – they don't need to hear the same sentences over and over.