

WATERFRONT LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING GUIDE

WATERFRONT LID HEARING BASICS

The City of Seattle is conducting a multi-day public hearing to provide the public the opportunity to share their input on a proposed Waterfront Local Improvement District (“Waterfront LID”). Oral or written public comment (“public comment”) on the proposed LID can be presented at this hearing.

All public comment submitted during the established comment period (July 13 – 31, 2018) will be compiled into a report prepared by the Hearing Examiner for presentation to the City Council prior to their consideration of an ordinance to form the Waterfront LID. This report will include a summary of all public comment – including the names of those who submitted comment – and will be made available as a part of the public record. Public comment provided either at the hearing or in writing will be accounted for in the Hearing Examiner’s summary report.



PRESENTING ORAL COMMENT

- Sign up to present oral comment at the designated **sign-up table** in the lobby. You will receive a copy of your speaker **sign-up sheet**, which includes your **individual speaker number**.
- Each speaker will have up to **2 minutes** to present public comment.
- Speaker numbers will be announced in numerical order in groups of 10.
- When your speaker number range is announced, proceed to the designated speaker seating area near the microphone.
- When your individual speaker number is announced:
 - Step forward to the microphone.
 - Speak directly into the microphone.
 - State and spell your name for the record.
 - A timer will be visible to assist you in tracking your allotted time.
 - When your time is up, promptly allow the next speaker to approach the microphone.
- For assistance, please refer to this Public Hearing Guide or seek assistance from hearing staffers.
- Holding or placement of a banner or sign in the hearing chamber in a way that endangers others or obstructs the free flow of pedestrians or the view of others attending the meeting is prohibited.

OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT

You may provide public comment on the proposed Waterfront LID in the following ways:



Submit your written comment at the public hearing written comment tables



Email your written comment to:
LIDHearingExaminer@seattle.gov



Submit your written comment by U.S. mail to:
LID Hearing Examiner, City of Seattle, PO Box 94607,
Seattle, WA 98124-6907



Present oral comment at a scheduled public hearing

*All written public comment must be received between
July 13 – 31, 2018, 5:00 PM*



PRESENTING GROUP ORAL COMMENT

A speaker may represent a **group of 3 or more** people in oral public comment:

- A group will have a total of up to **5 minutes** to present oral comment on behalf of all members of the group.
- To sign up for group oral comment, a group representative will proceed to the speaker sign-up tables in the lobby to receive a speaker number. Tell sign-up staff that you are a group representative.
- Once you have completed your sign-up form and received your speaker number, proceed to the group sign-up table, where all group members must provide their information. **All group members must be present.**
- When the group's speaker number is called, the group representative should provide oral comment. Members of the group will be recognized and asked to stand as they are able.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I speak as a proxy for someone else?

No, you may not speak as a proxy for someone else. Attorneys representing a client may present oral comment on behalf of their client.

Can I speak more than once?

As a courtesy to others who would like to present oral comment, we request that speakers present oral comment only once throughout the multi-day hearing. If you would like to provide additional comment, you may submit written comment.

What if I miss my speaker number when it is called?

If you miss your number and the current speaker number is still in your range of 10 numbers (10-19, 20-29, etc.), then you may proceed to the speaker seating area and City Clerk staff will assist you in providing oral comment before the next number range begins. However, if your number range has passed, then you lose your place in line. You may either return to the sign-up table to receive a new speaker number and/or provide written comment.

What if I need special assistance?

Staff at the Accessibility and Accommodations table can assist you with accommodations or hearing devices.

View Seattle Channel's live stream of the hearing at seattlechannel.org

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LID?

Email: lid@waterfrontseattle.org

Call: 206.499.8040

Web: waterfrontseattle.org/lid

