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Public Comment at Regular Commission Meetings

The Colorado Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission welcomes citizen participation at its regular commission meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. These meetings are currently scheduled at 2:00 PM, and the public comment period will begin as close to the start of the meeting as possible. The commission will hear 5 speakers for 3 minutes each. Commissioners may question any commenter at the chair's discretion.

At this time, all public comment will be taken remotely. Advance registration is required. An in-person option may be added at a later date.

The commission chair retains the right to cancel the public comment period at any time and for any reason. The public comment period will be included on the commission's agenda unless it is canceled.

Written comment is always welcome through the commission's web form:

https://redistricting.colorado.gov/public_comments/new

Please note that these procedures apply to the commission's regular scheduled meetings. The commission will have different procedures for its public hearings.

Registration Process

Those wishing to comment must register in advance of the commission's meeting. Registration will open at noon on the Friday before the meeting and close at noon on the Tuesday before. See Table 1 below for an exact schedule, but note that the meeting schedule may change.



Table 1: Public Comment Registration Period

<u>Scheduled Meeting Date</u>	<u>Registration Opens</u>	<u>Registration Closes</u>
May 12, 2pm	May 7, 12pm	May 11, 12pm
May 26, 2pm	May 21, 12pm	May 25, 12pm
June 9, 2pm	June 4, 12pm	June 8, 12pm
June 23, 2pm	June 18, 12pm	June 22, 12pm

Only the first five registered individuals will be called during the public comment period. In the event that more than five speakers sign up, additional speakers will be called in order if any of the first five do not appear at the meeting. Individuals are asked to sign up only for every other public comment period, and will not be called if they spoke at the most recent meeting. Comments repeating information already presented may also be limited.

To register, please email colorado.redistricting2020@state.co.us and provide the following:

- First and last name,
- Preferred pronouns,
- Email address,
- Phone number,
- Zip code,
- Name of organization represented (if any), and
- A brief description of the topic they wish to discuss.

Video comment is preferred, but those who wish to testify via phone must provide the same phone number that they will use to call in to the committee hearing. This is to ensure that staff can match the registration records with the correct phone numbers during the hearing.

After submitting the required information, commenters will receive an email confirming registration and providing the Webex meeting link and call-in phone number they can use to connect to the committee hearing. If you do not receive a confirmation email, you may contact colorado.redistricting2020@state.co.us or call 303-866-4788 for assistance.

Please note that we are building an online signup portal and will switch from email registration to online signups once it is available.

Commenters are encouraged to set up Webex and test audio and video settings on their device before the committee hearing. While anyone is allowed to watch the commission's hearings on Webex, only registered commenters will be promoted as panelists, and only during their designated comment time.

Please note that witness registration information is a public record under the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) and will be released upon request.

Commission Meeting Process

The commission chair may limit public comment at any time, including the total time allotted for public comment and the amount of time each person may speak.

All commenters are required to maintain proper commission protocol and decorum at all times. The chair must acknowledge commenters before speaking. Commenters will automatically be

muted when they enter the Webex meeting. Commission staff will unmute them as they are recognized to speak.

Individuals who are connecting via video should ensure that they are testifying from a location that appears professional on camera. The chair may end anyone's comment time if they are engaged in inappropriate or distracting behavior. Commenters who fail to follow procedures forfeit their opportunity to speak and may be disconnected from the meeting.

Individuals may not be able to comment if there are technical issues with the remote testimony software or issues with the commenter's device, internet, or telephone connection.

