



Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting Rules of Conduct

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The SE Uplift Land Use & Transportation Committee meeting is a place where important and sometimes contentious topics are discussed. The meeting provides a space where accurate information about policies and proposals can be shared, and various perspectives can be discussed. Participants should maintain a respectful, civil environment. They are welcome to share their perspective, ask questions, challenge assumptions, and make recommendations. **To ensure an inclusive forum, participants agree to follow these guidelines:**

- **Contribute to positive civic discourse** by being civil, polite, and respectful. Avoid actions that create an unwelcoming environment, such as yelling, interrupting, or rolling your eyes.
- **Don't assume everyone has the same opinion as you on an issue.** Be open-minded and listen to others' perspectives.
- **Be courteous of presenters and participants' time and expertise,** even if you don't agree. Keep your comments time-appropriate and avoid getting into debates not scheduled on the agenda. If you feel you have data or expertise to the contrary, raise your hand and share your perspective and rationale for that.
- **Give others opportunity to participate.** If you have been speaking up a lot, pause and silently count to '10' before raising your hand. This action provides space for others to formulate responses to the discussion.
- **Recognize and appreciate that we are all experts of our own lives and experiences.** Lead with "from my experience" or "I feel that," instead of assuming everyone in the room has the same experience or concerns.
- **Don't state your opinion as absolute or fact.** Instead, express your concerns or preferences. Use "I" statements to state your opinion. For example, "I am

concerned about access to the site” or “I am concerned about the impact of height this will have on neighbors.”

- **Treat everyone with respect and avoid using superiority or entitlement.** Don't make comments like "I pay your salary" or use otherizing language.
- **Do not otherize people or groups.** Avoid using terms like "you/those people."
- **Do not film or take photos without permission.** If you bring a camera, you are responsible for collecting signed consent forms from all participants.