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LA County Supervisors to Introduce New Public Comment Registration System

LOS ANGELES, CA – Today, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors announced that they will debut a new public comment registration system on Tuesday, September 1, underscoring an effort to make Board meetings more accessible and inclusive for all residents.

Supported by PublicInput, the new system registers residents who wish to speak to the Board during Public Comment – whether they plan to speak by phone or in-person. The new system eliminates the use of an access code or PIN when calling in and will notify registered speakers via real-time text message notifications when it is their turn to speak – eliminating the use of a “raise hand” feature. Additionally, if a caller is disconnected, they will not lose their place in line. The system is ADA-compliant, boasting a screen-reader-friendly portal designed to work for everyone who wants to be heard.

“Government works best when people can easily participate. By modernizing the public comment process, we are reducing barriers and creating more opportunities for residents across Los Angeles County to make their voices heard,” said **Los Angeles County Board Chair and First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis**. “Whether calling from home, work or their community, residents should have a meaningful opportunity to engage in the decisions that impact their lives.”

“It is not easy for anyone to take time away from work, family and other responsibilities to come downtown for a Board meeting on a Tuesday. That’s why we need to continually find ways to make it easier for the public to equitably participate in their County government. By notifying residents who sign-up to speak when the item they want to comment on is coming up, this new system provides greater flexibility, respects people’s precious time and makes it more accessible for their voices to be heard - which is an essential element of democracy,” shared **Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell**.

“Public participation is at the heart of effective government. Every Angeleno should be able to engage with their County government using contemporary, commonplace tools for communication,” said **Third District Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath**. “This new system modernizes public comment to make

participation more accessible, more transparent, and more responsive — creating more opportunities for residents to bring their voices, experiences, and ideas directly into County decision-making.”

“What we do here we do for the public, so it’s our responsibility to make it’s as seamless and accessible as possible for the public to share their thoughts. This overhaul of our public comment system is about empowering residents in every corner of LA County—especially those who may not be able to take time out of their Tuesdays to come down to the Board Room—to speak up on the decisions that affect their lives. I hope this new system will make it more inviting for more people to participate in our meetings,” said **Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn**.

“It is vital that every Los Angeles County resident has a meaningful opportunity to make their voice heard on the issues that affect their lives,” said **Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger**. “By modernizing our public comment system, we’re making it easier and more accessible for residents to participate in County government and weigh in on the policies, programs and decisions that impact their communities.”

Registration is simple – speakers only need to register once for one item or multiple items, and can be completed in four easy steps:

1. **Register online:** sign up at publiccomment.lacounty.gov and select the item(s) to speak on.
2. **Get a reminder:** a text message will alert speakers when their item is active – no need to watch the whole meeting.
3. **Call the local line:** call 213-444-2600 to connect. No access codes or PINs are needed.
4. **Speak when prompted:** A voice will announce each speaker’s turn by name.

Public comment registration opens 30 minutes prior to each meeting, and residents may register in advance for meeting reminders when the agenda is released.

"Public participation is the cornerstone of democratic governance, and we have a responsibility to make it as accessible as possible for every resident," said **Edward Yen, Executive Officer for the Board**. "This new system removes the barriers that have historically kept people from making their voices heard — whether it's navigating parking downtown or not knowing when your agenda item will come up. Now, anyone with a phone can register, stay informed in real time, and speak their mind."

For detailed instructions about using the new system, how to find Board agendas, or more general information, please visit the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' [website](#).

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