Year One of Public Comment at Cleveland City Council

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About a year ago, Cleveland City Council started allowing residents to make public comments during regular council meetings. It was the first time in 90 years.

The change, championed by the resident-led Clevelanders for Public Comment, resulted in council members hearing 183 public comments. Well over two-thirds of the comments were made by city residents, with every ward represented.

Comments ranged from a pastor’s plea to replace a guardrail in front of a church to a broad push to decriminalize fare evasion on public transit.

80% of all spoken comments came from Cleveland residents

*the remaining commenters represent 22 other cities.

48 written public comments submitted via council’s website

183 comments shared in Cleveland City Council Chambers

22 Cleveland neighborhoods represented

55+ organizations, associations, groups, clubs, businesses and business owners represented

90+ Unique topics discussed

To sign up to make a public comment of your own, visit: https://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/resources/public-comment