

Public Comment during Commission Business Meetings

The Commission is committed to accepting public comment during their regular business meetings. The Commission generally seeks public comment at the beginning of each day, at the end of each day, and in advance of any vote. Public comment may be sought at other times as well depending on the topic under discussion, and as the Commission Chair deems appropriate.

The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during the public comment period that is not already on the agenda, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. [Gov. Code §§ 11125, 11125.7(a)]

The Commissioners may adopt reasonable time limits for public comments in order to ensure that the purpose of public discussion is fulfilled. (Gov. Code, §11125.7, subd. (b).) The Commission has determined that public comments will be limited to two minutes per individual speaker. Time will commence as soon as the individual starts talking.

Types of public comments:

General: At the start of each meeting day during open session, shortly after the meeting is called to order, the Commission Chair will call for public comment. Individuals can provide comment on topics relating to state redistricting activities associated with Commission business. Each individual comment will be limited to two minutes.

Prior to the end of each meeting day while in open session, the Commission Chair will call for public comment. Individuals can provide comment on topics relating to state redistricting activities associated with Commission business. Each individual comment will be limited to two minutes.

Specific: Prior to conducting a vote of a motioned item, the Commission Chair will call for public comment. Public comment will be specific to the topic up for vote. If an individual is presenting comment not related to the specific action item in question, the Chair will advise the individual that the Commission is only accepting comments relating to the action item in question, and will advise the individual when they can provide their comment.

At the Commission Chair's discretion, the Chair may accept general public comment during a specific public comment if it is close to the end of the open session for that day.

Options to Verbal Public Comments:

Alternatively, written comments may be submitted via the Commission's website at: <https://WeDrawTheLinesCA.org> or emailed directly to votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov. The public comments will be posted as a handout at the next scheduled business meeting.