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DATE: November 21, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Luis E. Santaella, Interim City Attorney and Ben Lane, City Clerk 

RE: Proposed amendments to the Rules of Council Procedure

As part of our ongoing effort to ensure that the City Council's procedures remain clear, current, and responsive to both legal requirements and practical needs, City Clerk Ben Lane and I have prepared proposed revisions to the 2025 Council Rules of Procedure for your consideration and adoption on December 2, 2025, pursuant to Resolution No. 13568. The proposed changes will be considered as a regular item and the Council can choose which proposed changes (if any) it wishes to proceed with.

This memo provides a brief overview of why these changes are being proposed, how to read the attached Exhibit A of Resolution 1356 and a summary of the most notable updates in plain language.

Why Are These Changes Being Made?

The Council Rules of Procedure are periodically reviewed to:

- Reflect updates to the Scottsdale City Charter and Arizona law
- Clarify roles and responsibilities during meetings
- Improve transparency, civility, decorum and public participation
- Streamline Council operations and agenda management

These updates are based on feedback from Councilmembers and City staff and are intended to make our meetings more efficient, civil, and legally sound.

How to Read Exhibit A of Resolution 13568 that indicates the proposed changes:

- **Bold and underlined text** shows new language being added
- ~~Strikethrough text~~ shows language proposed for deletion

This formatting is used throughout the document to help you quickly identify what's changing.

Summary of Key Changes:

Presiding Officer

- Adds in the absence of both the Mayor and Vice-Mayor that the immediate past Vice Mayor and then the member of the Council with most seniority will serve as Presiding Officer.

Meeting Scheduling

- Except for special meetings, meeting times and changes would require a majority vote of the Council, not just the Mayor.
- Clarifies that Special Meetings can be called by the Mayor or four Councilmembers, as outlined in the City Charter.

Agenda Updates and Related Procedures

- Clarifies that Invocation is by Councilmembers or their designees.
- Clarifies that the Mayor's Report is information only with no discussion.
- Introduces two new agenda sections:
 - Added Items (for late additions)
 - Work Study Session Items
- Councilmembers must now submit "Mayor and Council" items three business days in advance (previously two).
- Public comment on Mayor and Council items is added but is limited to nine minutes total, with a maximum of three speakers.
- For Mayor and Council items, each Councilmember shall have one opportunity to discuss their vote and then the Council will vote on the matter.
- Removes the option for four Councilmembers to add an item directly to the agenda; this section is now reserved.
- There is now only one proposed public comment period (non-agendized public comment) which takes place towards the end of a regular meeting instead of towards the beginning.

Public Comment

- Reduces individual speaker time from three minutes to two minutes for non-agendized public comment.
- Increases the total time for each non-agendized public comment period to 16 minutes, with up to eight speakers. However, unless otherwise agendized, there will be only one

public comment period (non-agendized public comment) which takes place towards the end of a regular meeting instead of towards the beginning

- Clarifies that public comment during Consent, Mayor and Council, or Regular items is limited to those items.
- Adds the following: To prevent violation of copyright, obscenity laws or utilization of public resources to influence an election, city staff and city audio visual equipment may not be utilized to play audio or visual recordings for members of the public.

Citizen Petitions

- Proposes that petitions must be submitted 14 calendar days before the requested meeting and must follow formatting rules.
- Petitions that don't meet these requirements will be considered with no action taken.
- Council action on petitions is limited to:
 1. Agendizing the item
 2. Requesting a written response
 3. Taking no further action

Boards and Commissions

- Clarifies who presides over nominations and appointments if the Vice Mayor is unavailable (falls to the immediate past Vice Mayor or the most senior Councilmember).
- Adds a new tie-breaking process for 3-2-2 votes.
- Allows for affirmation voting when the number of nominees equals the number of vacancies.

New Sections

- **Invitations to Events and Speaking Order:** Establishes a process for Council representation and speaking order at public events when the Mayor and Vice Mayor are unavailable.
- **Unavailability of Mayor:** Requires the Mayor to notify Council and Charter Officers if absent for more than 72 hours, per Charter Article 2, Section 7.

There is additional housekeeping proposed language such as a procedure in the absence of queuing equipment. Members of the Council and public are encouraged to directly read Exhibit A to the adopting resolution to understand all possible proposed changes as this memo intended to capture highlights only.

RESOLUTION NO. 13568

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE,
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING ITS RULES OF COUNCIL
PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, the Council finds it is in the best interest of the City to amend its Rules of Council Procedure;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Arizona, as follows;

Section 1. The City Council hereby amends its Rules of Council Procedure as set forth in the attached Exhibit A, with additions shown in bold underline and deletions shown in strikethrough.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Arizona this 2nd day of December, 2025.

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an Arizona
municipal corporation

ATTEST:

Ben Lane, City Clerk

Lisa Borowsky, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Luis E. Santaella, Interim City Attorney

ATTACHMENT 1

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION NO.13568 City of Scottsdale

2025 RULES OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE



**Adopted September 20, 2011 by Resolution No. 8827
Amended July 1, 2013 by Resolution No. 9433
Amended April 14, 2015 by Resolution No. 10089
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INTRODUCTION

Detailed information about Scottsdale City Council Meetings is available in the City Clerk's Office and online at ScottsdaleAZ.gov. Materials include agendas, minutes, and other related documents; agenda calendar; and compliance requirements for the Open Meeting Law. For further information on any of these subjects, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 480-312-2411.

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These Rules of Council Procedure were established in accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Section 14, of the Scottsdale City Charter, and incorporated into Chapter 2, Article II, City Council, of the Scottsdale Revised Code, as follows:

1. APPLICABILITY

- 1.1 The Presiding Officer shall decide all questions of order and conduct the proceedings of all Meetings of the Council in accordance with these rules, unless otherwise provided by the Scottsdale City Charter, Scottsdale City Code, or the laws of the State of Arizona. The Presiding Officer shall use Roberts' Rules of Order as a parliamentary guideline in deciding questions of order on matters not covered by these Rules, the Scottsdale City Charter, Scottsdale City Code, or the laws of the State of Arizona.
- 1.2 Unless otherwise provided by law, these rules shall be adopted and amended by resolution passed by a majority vote of the Council.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER

- 2.1 The Mayor shall be the Presiding Officer of all Meetings of the Council and shall have a voice and vote in all Council proceedings.
- 2.2 In the absence of the Mayor, the Vice Mayor shall serve as the Presiding Officer.
- 2.3 In the absence of both the Mayor and the Vice Mayor, the duties of the Mayor, as set forth in these rules, shall be performed by the immediate past Vice Mayor and then the member of the Council with the most seniority, which shall be determined by successive time of service on the Council. In the event that two or more members of the Council have the same length of service, seniority shall be determined by the alphabetical order of their respective surnames.

3. PARLIAMENTARIAN

- 3.1 The City Attorney, or his or her designee, shall serve as the Parliamentarian for all Meetings of the Council.

4. ENFORCEMENT, SUSPENSION OF RULES

- 4.1 Except as otherwise provided by law, these rules may be suspended at any time by a majority vote of the Council, unless the rule to be suspended requires a larger majority vote of the Council.
- 4.2 These rules shall be enforced by the Presiding Officer, subject to an appeal to the Council by any of its members.
- 4.3 Any Councilmember or the Presiding Officer may consult with the Parliamentarian. The Presiding Officer shall determine all Points of Order and Points of Privilege, subject to the right of any member to appeal to the Council. Following a second, a majority vote shall govern and conclusively determine any appeal to the Council on a Point of Order or a Point of Privilege.
- 4.4 Any Councilmember may appeal a ruling of the Presiding Officer to the Council. If the appeal is seconded, the member making the appeal may briefly state his or her reason for the same, and the Presiding Officer may explain his or her ruling. There shall be no debate on the appeal, and no other member shall participate in the discussion. The Presiding Officer shall then put the question, "Shall the decision of the Presiding Officer be sustained?" If a majority of the members present vote "aye," the ruling of the Presiding Officer is sustained; otherwise, it is overruled.

5. MEETINGS

- 5.1 Except under circumstances authorized by statute, all Meetings of the Council, and its committees, shall be open to the public and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Arizona Open Meetings Law, A.R.S. § 38-431 *et seq.*
- 5.2 Prior to the beginning of each calendar year, the City Clerk shall issue the Annual Council Meeting Calendar of all regularly-scheduled Council Meetings and Work Study Sessions for the upcoming year. Any Meetings that are not indicated on the Annual Council Meeting Calendar shall be designated as Special Meetings. In addition, any Meeting called for the purpose of determining whether the Council shall meet in Executive Session shall be designated as a Special Meeting.
- 5.3 The Council holds regularly-scheduled Meetings twice a month at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, as feasible, in accordance with the Annual Council Meeting Calendar issued by the City Clerk. As provided in Rule 5.4, Meetings may be canceled, or rescheduled, but no less than two Council Meetings shall be held in each month. If a Meeting is

rescheduled for a different date or time, a notice shall be posted as required by law.

- 5.4 **As noted in Rule 5.7 and except as provided in the City Charter for Special Meetings,** ~~m~~Meeting times, dates, and locations may be changed, or Meetings may be called or canceled, by ~~the Mayor or~~ a majority of the Council.
- 5.5 All Meetings will conclude no later than 10:00 p.m., unless a majority of the Council votes to consider some or all of the remaining items.
- 5.6 Work Study Sessions shall be used to provide the Council with information and to allow the Council an opportunity to discuss City issues in detail and in a less formal manner. Other than to provide direction to staff, which may be done informally or by motion and a vote of the Council, no action shall be taken by the Council at a Work Study Session. Fifteen minutes, for a maximum of five speakers, may be set aside at the beginning of the Study Session for public comment, but such comment shall be limited to the items on the Work Study Session agenda.
- 5.7 ~~Special Meetings, Executive Sessions, Work Study Sessions, or any other non-regularly scheduled Meetings of the Council, including Meeting times and locations, will be set at the direction of either the Mayor or four members of the Council, and a notice shall be posted as required by law.~~ **Pursuant to Article 2, Section 12 of the City Charter, special meetings may be called by the Mayor or four (4) members of the council, with reasonable notice given to all members of the council.**
- 5.8 Emergency Meetings shall take place as provided by Arizona Revised Statute § 38-431.02(D) (Arizona Open Meeting Law).
- 5.9 All public Meetings may be recorded or photographed by means of audio, video, or photographic equipment, provided, however, that there is no interference with the orderly conduct of the Meeting and the equipment is placed in non-hazardous locations as designated by City staff.
- 5.10 With the exception of the Mayor, Councilmembers may select their seats in order based first on seniority, and then based on the number of votes received in the most recent City election. Councilmembers who are elected outright at the most recent Primary Election shall be given priority over Councilmembers who are elected at the General Election. The Mayor shall occupy the center seat.

6. AGENDA

6.1 Regularly-scheduled Council Meeting agenda items are listed in the following order:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Invocation **by Individual Councilmembers or their designee.**
5. Mayor's Report **(information only with no discussion).**
6. City Manager's Report
7. Presentations/Information Updates
- ~~8. Public Comment (Open call to the public for items not listed on the Agenda)~~
8. 9. Approval of Minutes
9. ~~10.~~ Consent Agenda items
- 10. Added Items**
11. Regular Agenda items
12. Public Comment (Open call to the public for items not listed on the Agenda)
13. Citizen Petitions
14. Mayor and Council items
- 15. Work Study Session items**
- 16.** ~~15.~~ Adjournment

6.2 The Presiding Officer may, at his or her discretion, or shall, upon the majority vote of the Council, change the order of the agenda.

6.3 Presentations and informational updates are limited to no more than ten minutes for the presentation and questions from Council. No public comment or Council action may be taken on informational or presentation items.

6.4 With the exception of Applicant Requests, which are covered in Section 9, the order for hearing, deliberating, and voting on non-Consent agenda items shall be as follows:

1. Staff presentation
2. Council questions
3. Public comment (up to three minutes for individual speakers or up to ten minutes at the discretion of the Presiding Officer for a representative of other persons present at the Meeting who have contributed their time to the representative)
4. Staff's response, if needed
5. Council motion(s) and deliberation
6. Council vote on the motion(s)

6.5 The Council may take one vote to act on all of the items on the Consent Agenda or may remove one or more items for further discussion and action. Items not removed from the Consent Agenda may be considered in one motion. Items removed from the Consent Agenda for clarification or discussion by the Council will be acted on as the initial items on the Regular Agenda. An item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the

request of one or more members of Council. It does not require a vote to remove items from the Consent Agenda in this manner.

- 6.6 The Council shall take action on each item on the Regular Agenda. The Council typically receives a presentation on Regular Agenda items and considers Regular Agenda items separately.
- 6.7 The City Clerk shall prescribe the standards, format, and schedule for submitting items for inclusion on the Council agenda. All reports, communications, ordinances, resolutions, contracts, documents, and related materials for inclusion on the agenda shall be delivered to the City Clerk according to the schedule set by the Clerk. The City Clerk shall deliver copies of agendas and related materials to each Councilmember, the Mayor, the City Attorney, and the City Manager in compliance with the City's Charter, ordinances, and resolutions.
- 6.8 To be considered by the Council, ordinances, resolutions, contracts, documents, and other matters or subjects requiring action by the Council must be sponsored by a member of the Council, the City Attorney, City Auditor, City Clerk, City Manager, City Treasurer, or Presiding Magistrate, or otherwise they shall not be considered.
- 6.9 All ordinances, resolutions and contracts shall be signed by the City Attorney, or designee, prior to being submitted to the Clerk's Office for inclusion on the agenda. The signature of the City Attorney, or designee, shall indicate that in their opinion the document is proper as to form and legality.
- 6.10 The Charter Officers shall have an opportunity to provide written comments on any Council Agenda item having an impact to the City that is related to their specific area of expertise.
- 6.11 Any Councilmember may add an item to a scheduled Council Meeting agenda to be listed under "Mayor and Council" items by submitting the item to the City Clerk at least ~~three~~ **two** business days prior to the Council Meeting to allow for agenda modification. Items added in this manner require a majority vote and are limited to the following options: 1) direct the City Manager **or other responsible Charter Officer** to agendize the item for a future Meeting; 2) direct the City Manager or other responsible Charter Officer to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to Council; or 3) take no further action. **Each Councilmember shall have one opportunity to discuss their vote and then the Council will vote on the matter. Nine minutes, for a maximum of three speakers, shall be allowed for public comment.**
- 6.12 ~~Four or more members of the Council may request to have an item added to a scheduled Council Meeting agenda.~~ **This section has been deleted and reserved.**
- 6.13 Except as provided below, agenda language, Council Reports, and any supporting material described as being attached to the Council Report shall be made available to

the public at least ten days prior to a scheduled Council Meeting. Material that is not timely provided requires a separate vote to consider whether the item will remain on the agenda or be continued to a future date. Exceptions to this rule are:

1. Emergencies that, in the judgment of the Mayor and City Manager, require the immediate attention of the Council.
2. Items continued from previous Council Meetings.
3. Monthly financial reports.
4. Legislative updates.
5. Litigation related matters.
6. Canvass of election returns.
7. Initiation of board or commission appeal processes.

6.14 Council Meeting agendas may include a notice that the Council may vote to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 7.1 During an open call to the public, Scottsdale residents, Scottsdale business owners or Scottsdale property owners may address the Council on non-agendized items that are within the jurisdiction of the Council. Additionally, advocacy for or against a candidate or ballot measure during a City Council Meeting is not allowed pursuant to State law and is therefore not allowed and deemed not to be within the Council's jurisdiction. Speakers will be limited to up to ~~three~~ **two (2)** minutes each unless a different amount of time is listed on the agenda, or is determined by the Presiding Officer or by a majority vote of the Council.
- 7.2 If more than one open call to the public is listed on the agenda, speakers may speak once at either the first or second public comment period, but not both. Each public comment period shall be limited to a total of ~~15~~ **sixteen (16)** minutes, for a maximum of ~~five~~ **eight (8)** speakers.
- 7.3 Speakers will be given up to three minutes to address the Council during the times set aside for public comment on Consent, **Mayor and Council Items**, or Regular items. As provided in Rule 6.4, the Presiding Officer may grant additional time to speakers representing two or more persons. **All such comment shall be limited to the items on the Consent, Mayor and Council Items, or Regular agendas.**
- 7.4 Speakers on Consent items shall be given one opportunity to speak on any or all of the Consent items listed on the agenda. Additional time may be granted for multiple agenda items at the Presiding Officer's discretion.
- 7.5 Members of the public may sign up to provide public comment on an item as long as the public comment period for that item is open.

7.5 At the conclusion of the call to the public, the Presiding Officer shall recognize any individual Councilmember who wishes to respond to criticism made during public comment in the following three ways: 1) by responding to the criticism; 2) asking staff to review the matter; or 3) asking that the matter be added to a future agenda. Council shall not, however, discuss or take legal action with respect to any matter not specifically listed on the agenda.

7.6 **To prevent violation of copyright, obscenity laws or utilization of public resources to influence an election, city staff and city audio visual equipment may not be utilized to play audio or visual recordings for members of the public.**

8. CITIZEN PETITIONS

8.1 Citizen petitions may be submitted by a resident of the City at any Regular Council Meeting. **Petitions must be turned in to the City Clerk's Office at least fourteen (14) calendar days before the requested Council Meeting date. Petitions must be printed on 8.5" x 11" paper. All petitions must be turned in at the same time. City staff will check petitions to determine the number of signatures that are provided by Scottsdale residents and provide that information to the City Council.** ~~Petitions may be presented during either the first or the second Public Comment period on the agenda.~~ There is no limit on the number of petitions a citizen may submit; however, each resident shall be limited to a total time of up to three minutes to present and speak to his or her petition(s) **at the requested Council meeting.** ~~A Request to Speak card must be submitted, together with the petition(s), to the City Clerk before the Presiding Officer announces the second Public Comment period.~~ **In accordance with the City Charter, the City Council shall deem any petition not submitted in conformance with this section as having been considered with no action taken and shall vote accordingly. Non-agendized petitions may be presented during the Public Comment period on the agenda.**

8.2 **Except as provided for non-agendized petitions in Section 8.1 above, action on citizen petitions require a majority vote and are limited to the following options: 1) direct the City Manager or other responsible charter officer to agendize the item for a future Meeting; 2) direct the City Manager or other responsible Charter Officer to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to Council with a copy to the petitioner; or 3) take no further action.**

9. APPLICANT REQUESTS

9.1 The order of applicant presentations and time limits shall be as follows:

1. Staff presentation
2. Council questions of staff
3. Applicant presentation (up to 10 minutes, unless additional or less time is granted by a majority vote of the Council)

4. Public comment (up to three minutes for individual speakers or up to ten minutes for a representative of ten or more persons present at the Meeting who have contributed their time to the representative)
5. Council questions of staff and/or applicant
6. Applicant response to public comment (5 minutes)
7. Staff's response, if needed (5 minutes)
8. Council motion(s) and deliberation
9. Council vote on the motion(s)

9.2 Applicant request for continuance: Applicants will be granted one request for continuance by right if the applicant submits their request to the City Clerk at least two business days prior to the Council Meeting to allow for agenda modification. Requests failing to comply with the two-day notice requirement as well as any additional requests for a continuance may be made by the applicant, but are subject to public comment and may or may not be granted at the reasonable discretion of the Council by a simple majority vote.

9.3 City Staff request for continuance: If the City Staff request a continuance that is not noted on the agenda and is under Council consideration, no public comment will be taken until after the vote to continue has been taken and the continuance has been denied. When possible, City Staff is strongly encouraged to submit their request to the City Clerk at least two business days prior to the Council Meeting to allow for agenda modification.

9.4 An applicant may withdraw his or her application up to the time a vote is taken by announcing the withdrawal at the Meeting or by notifying the City Attorney, City Manager, or City Clerk.

10. DEBATE AND DECORUM DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS

10.1 The Presiding Officer shall preserve decorum and decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the Council. If the Presiding Officer fails to act, any member may by Point of Order request the Presiding Officer to enforce the Rules. Any member who disagrees with the Presiding Officer's ruling on the Point of Order may by motion ask the Council to overrule the Presiding Officer. Such a motion shall require a second, and an affirmative vote of the majority of the Council shall require the Presiding Officer to act in conformance with the motion.

10.2 As set forth below and as adopted by the Council in Resolution No. 9445 *The Principles of Civil Dialogue*, shall serve as a guide for the conduct of City Council Meetings.

As a member of the Scottsdale community, I will genuinely listen; speak respectfully; and be accountable for my words and actions.
"Genuinely listen" means I will listen for the purpose of understanding the speaker's point of view, without prejudging whether that point of

view is right or wrong. "Speak respectfully" means I will voice my point of view calmly and respectfully without losing the passion of my position and commitment, discussing the issues without personal criticisms. "Being accountable" means I accept responsibility for my words and actions.

- 10.3 Councilmembers shall preserve order and decorum and shall not delay or interrupt Council proceedings or refuse to follow the direction of the Presiding Officer or the Council Rules of Procedure. Councilmembers may, however, interrupt proceedings for the purpose of making a Point of Order.
- 10.4 City staff shall observe the same rules of procedure and decorum as the members of the Council.
- 10.5 Citizens attending Council Meetings shall also observe the same rules of order and decorum applicable to members of the Council and staff. Unauthorized remarks or demonstrations from the audience, such as applause, stamping of feet, whistles, boos, yells, and/or other demonstrations shall not be permitted.
- 10.6 All Councilmembers and the Presiding Officer shall use queuing equipment to indicate their desire to speak. **In the absence of queuing equipment, the Presiding Officer shall call on the Vice Mayor and then each Councilmember by seniority for remarks.** Upon recognition by the Presiding Officer, the official shall confine his or her remarks and questions to the issue under debate and shall refrain from all personal attacks and indecorous language.
- 10.7 The Presiding Officer shall not unreasonably withhold recognition from a Councilmember requesting to speak. However, the Presiding Officer may call for a vote as to whether to continue a repetitive discussion or motion.
- 10.8 When two or more Councilmembers (inclusive of the Presiding Officer) request to speak, the Presiding Officer shall recognize the first speaker as indicated by the queuing equipment.
- 10.9 A Councilmember, once recognized, shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless called to order by the Presiding Officer or unless a Point of Order or Point of Privilege is raised by another Councilmember.
- 10.10 If a Councilmember finds it necessary to be permanently excused from an ongoing Council Meeting, he or she shall first ask the Chair to be recognized, and then announce his or her intention to leave the Meeting. The City Clerk shall then record the time of the absence in the minutes.
- 10.11 Councilmembers shall not be recognized by the Presiding Officer to speak multiple times on an issue under debate until every Councilmember has been given an

opportunity to speak once.

- 10.12 If a Councilmember is called to order while he or she is speaking, he or she shall cease speaking immediately until the question of order is determined. If ruled to be out of order, he or she shall remain silent or shall alter his or her remarks so as to comply with the Rules of the Council.
- 10.13 By a two-thirds majority vote, the Council may agree to limit debate on any matter before it.

11. VOTING AND MOTIONS

- 11.1 Unless a different number is provided for by statute or ordinance, a majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a Quorum, and, in any Meeting where a Quorum is present, it shall take a majority vote of all the members of the Council to enact any measure, resolution, ordinance, or other business on the agenda.
- 11.2 The Mayor shall vote as a member of the Council.
- 11.3 No member of the Council shall be excused from voting, except upon matters involving the consideration of his or her own official conduct, or in which he or she declares the appearance of or an actual conflict of interest. A Councilmember who declares that he or she may have the appearance of or an actual conflict of interest shall leave the dais and refrain from influencing the votes of the remaining Councilmembers. With the exception of appointments to City boards and commissions, a failure to vote or a voluntary abstention shall count as an "aye" vote unless excused by an announced appearance of or actual conflict of interest.
- 11.4 In the case of a tie vote, the item under consideration shall be considered defeated, unless a new motion is introduced and seconded.
- 11.5 A Councilmember may change his or her vote up to the time that the results of the vote have been announced.
- 11.6 At the request of any member of the Council, a roll call vote shall be taken. Unless allowed by the Presiding Officer, it shall be out of order for members to explain their vote during the roll call.
- 11.7 There shall be no more than three active motions on the floor at any one time for any single agenda item. Motions to continue receive priority discussion and a priority voting decision over other motions. All other motions shall be heard and decided beginning with the most recently made and working backward in order of their making (in other words, last in, first out).
- 11.8 After obtaining the floor, a Councilmember may make a motion regarding the agenda

item under consideration. The Councilmember may state reasons for the motion before it is made, but may debate the motion only after it has been seconded.

- 11.9 All motions **except a motion to call the question** require a second, but the second does not have to favor the motion and may speak and/or vote against it. If there is no second, the Presiding Officer shall not recognize the motion and it fails for lack of a second.
- 11.10 The maker of a motion may modify his or her motion or withdraw it entirely. If a motion is modified, the Councilmember who seconded the motion must either affirm the modification or withdraw the second.
- 11.11 If a motion fails, the item is deemed to be defeated, unless a new and different motion is introduced and seconded.
- 11.12 A motion to suspend the Council rules requires a majority vote of the Council and may not be made while another motion is pending unless it directly applies to the pending motion.
- 11.13 A motion to continue may be used to postpone an item on the agenda to either a specific date or to a date uncertain. A motion to continue takes priority over all other motions. A motion to continue is debatable and may be amended, but only to alter the time. An item continued to a specific date must be brought back on that date, even if the action is to continue the item again to another date or indefinitely.
- 11.14 An Amendment to a motion, including an Alternate Motion, requires a second before debate on the Amendment may begin. The Presiding Officer shall allow full discussion of the Amendment, while restricting debate to the Amendment, not the original motion. A vote on an Amendment shall take place before the vote on the original motion. If the Amendment passes, the Council shall vote on the original motion, as amended. If the Amendment is defeated, another Amendment may be proposed. If no further Amendments are proposed, discussion shall continue on the original motion, and a vote taken on the original motion as presented. An Amendment requires a majority vote, even if the motion to be amended requires a two-thirds vote to be adopted. An Amendment modifying the intention of a motion shall be in order, but an Amendment relating to a different matter shall not be in order.
- 11.15 Any Amendment to a Main Motion, if acceptable to the maker and seconder of the motion, may be considered a friendly Amendment and incorporated into the Main Motion without a vote of the Council.
- 11.16 A motion to amend an Amendment shall be in order, but one to amend an Amendment to an Amendment shall not.
- 11.17 If a motion contains two or more divisible propositions, the Presiding Officer may, and upon request of a member shall, divide the motion into separate, actionable items.

11.18 A Motion to continue must be voted on before voting on either the Main Motion or an Amendment to the Main Motion.

11.19 After a decision on any motion, any Councilmember who voted with the majority may move to reconsider the item during the same Meeting at which the decision being reconsidered was made. Once a motion to reconsider has been approved by majority vote, a revote on the original motion is taken. After a motion to reconsider has been acted upon once, no other motion for reconsideration may be made without unanimous consent of the Council.

Any item previously adopted can be the subject of a motion to rescind or to amend. Such motion can only be made at a subsequent Meeting and must have been agendized. Any Councilmember can make the motion. With respect to a motion to amend something previously adopted, unless the substance of the proposed Amendment is set forth in the notice of the Meeting, a two-thirds vote of the members of the Council is required to approve the motion.

The Council is able to act on any matter it has previously acted upon if such matter is placed on the Council's agenda. The rules applying to motions to reconsider, rescind or amend something previously adopted apply only if the Council intends its actions to relate back to the date of the original action on the matter.

11.20 After obtaining the floor, any member of the Council may make a motion to call the question. An unrecognized "call for the question" shall be deemed out of order and shall not be considered by the Presiding Officer. A motion to call the question does not require a second and shall be voted on without debate. If a vote on a motion to call the question is passed by majority vote, all debate shall cease and a vote shall be taken on the immediate motion. Councilmembers may ask parliamentary questions or request a reading of the motion prior to voting.

11.21 A Councilmember may propose a short intermission, or recess, in a Meeting, even while business is pending, by moving to recess for a specified length of time. A motion to recess may not interrupt another speaker; must be seconded; is not debatable; can be amended, but only to change the length of the recess; cannot be reconsidered; and requires a majority vote.

11.22 Any member of the Council may make a motion to end a Meeting by moving to adjourn. A motion to adjourn may not interrupt another speaker, must be seconded, is not debatable, is not amendable, and cannot be reconsidered. With a majority vote of the Council, a motion to adjourn can be made, and the Meeting can be adjourned, even if there are items pending, provided that the date and time for the next Meeting has been established. Under these circumstances, unfinished business is automatically carried over to the next Meeting. The Presiding Officer shall state that all unfinished business is continued to the next regularly scheduled Meeting and shall state the date of that

Meeting.

- 11.23 Should a substantive Amendment to an ordinance that the Council is considering adopting be proposed during the hearing, the Council shall have the option of continuing the matter for consideration at a future Meeting to allow for sufficient research and analysis of the Amendment or the Council may vote to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the City Attorney on the impact of the proposed ordinance amendment.

12. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 12.1 Councilmembers occupy positions of public trust. All actions and business transactions of such officials dealing in any manner with public funds shall be in compliance with all laws or ordinances establishing a code of ethical conduct for public officials or pertaining to conflicts of interest of public officers or employees.
- 12.2 Any Councilmember prohibited from participating or voting on any matter before the City by the State conflict of interest laws or City ordinance, or who intends not to act on a matter due to an appearance of impropriety as provided for in City Code, shall make known such conflict on the record of any Meeting where the item is discussed. The Councilmember having declared such a conflict shall leave the view of the remaining Councilmembers, and shall not enter into discussion, debate, or vote on such matter, or in any manner attempt to influence said vote.

13. USE OF CITY STAFF

- 13.1 No Councilmember shall make any inquiry of City Staff, or otherwise request any City Staff project, requiring over eight hours of staff work without first placing such item on an agenda for the purpose of discussion and direction by Council. This requirement does not apply to City Staff members whose primary duties are to directly serve the Mayor or members of the Council, such as Mayor and Council staff.

14. VICE MAYOR SELECTION

- 14.1 Vice Mayor rotation shall be for an eight-month term among those elected at the most recent City election, and shall be determined using a combination of tenure, Councilmembers who are elected outright at the Primary Election, and number of votes received, with tenure being the primary consideration and outright election at the Primary Election being the secondary consideration.

15. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- 15.1 The Council may create such committees, including subcommittees and ad hoc committees, of the Council as may be deemed necessary to the effective and efficient operation of the Council. Members of these committees shall be appointed by the

Mayor, with the approval of the Council, shall serve at the pleasure of the Council, and shall serve two-year terms, concurrent with Council election cycles.

- 15.2 The Rules of Council Procedure shall govern all Council committee proceedings.
- 15.3 With approval of the Council, the Mayor may establish, modify, and terminate committees of the Council and charge them with their powers, duties, and responsibilities, and may appoint and remove the members and chairperson for each committee.
- 15.4 Only the Mayor and Councilmembers may serve on a Council committee, and their membership shall not exceed three.
- 15.5 The Mayor shall serve as the Chair for any Council committee on which he or she sits.
- 15.6 The Mayor or Council may refer matters to Council committees for the purpose of collecting information, providing analysis, and making recommendations to the Council.
- 15.7 Council committees may conduct public hearings on matters referred to them.
- 15.8 The Council chairperson of each Council committee shall determine the agenda for Meetings consistent with the committee's charge.
- ~~15.9 The Mayor's Office shall prepare and submit to the Council a biennial update on the external memberships and committees that each Councilmember participates in or serves on in his or her official capacity. The update shall include the entity's mission and purpose, City representation and capacity, associated costs, the role of the participating Councilmember(s), and the City's position/policy for each of the external memberships or committees. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the biennial Council committee appointments referenced in Rule 15.1.~~

16. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

- 16.1 Applications. Scottsdale citizens may apply for only one City board or commission using a standard application found on the City's website. Residency requirements are verified by the City Clerk's Office. When there is a vacancy, all applications on file for that board or commission are forwarded to the Council.
- 16.2 Nominations.
 - 1. Nominations are ~~held as a Mayor and Council item during a Council Meeting~~ **typically held at a Special City Council Meeting preceding a regularly scheduled City Council Regular Meeting.**
 - 2. For the nomination process, the Mayor turns over the Presiding Officer duties to

the Vice Mayor. At the conclusion of the nomination process, the Mayor resumes the Presiding Officer duties. **In the event, the Vice Mayor is not available, the immediate past Vice Mayor shall handle said duties. In the absence of an immediate past Vice Mayor, the Councilmember with most seniority shall handle the nomination process.**

3. The Vice Mayor **or presiding Councilmember** will review each board or commission that has an open position(s). The Vice Mayor **or presiding Councilmember** will note each respective board or commission and the number of vacancies. The Council will review applications submitted for the board and commission openings under consideration. from this applicant pool, the Council selects nominees for further consideration.
4. The Vice Mayor **or presiding Councilmember** will call upon Councilmembers individually in an order of his or her choosing to note their nomination(s). Each individual that is nominated advances to an interview before the Council. City Clerk staff will contact nominees with follow-up information pertaining to their interview.
5. Due to the number of applicants, only the nominees are contacted. Should no applications be on file for a board or commission that has an opening, the appointment of the open position will be automatically added to the next available board and commission appointment cycle schedule.

16.3 Interviews and appointments.

1. Board and commission interviews and appointments are typically held at a Special City Council Meeting preceding a regularly scheduled City Council regular Meeting. The start time of the Special City Council Meeting is typically at 4:00 p.m., however, dependent upon the number of vacancies and nominated individuals, an earlier start time may be needed. The City Clerk or designee(s) may poll the Council to determine an adequate start time.
2. For the appointment process, the Mayor turns over the Presiding Officer duties to the Vice Mayor. **In the event, the Vice Mayor is not available, the immediate past Vice Mayor shall handle said duties. In the absence of an immediate past Vice Mayor, the Councilmember with most seniority shall handle the nomination process.**
3. At the conclusion of the appointment process, the Mayor resumes the Presiding Officer duties.
4. The Vice Mayor **or presiding Councilmember** will review each board or commission that has an open position(s). The Vice Mayor **or presiding Councilmember** will note each respective board or commission and the number of nominees and call upon each nominee to address the Council at the podium in the City Hall Kiva Forum or via technological means if the nominee is participating electronically. Each nominee will be asked to respond briefly (in 2 minutes or less) to the questions listed below, in addition to any follow-up questions or requests for clarification.
 - Name, address, and how long you have lived in Scottsdale.
 - How your education, employment, or volunteer experience relates to the

- board/commission for which you have applied.
 - What is the top issue facing the board or commission for which you have applied for?
5. Immediately following each set of interviews, the Council will make formal appointments. The Vice Mayor **or presiding Councilmember** will call upon Councilmembers individually in an order of his or her choosing to note their vote(s). **If there are only the minimum number of candidates interviewing for the board or commission, the Council can forego individual voting and appoint through affirmation.**

16.4 Voting.

1. If there is more than one vacancy to be filled, each Councilmember present may vote for as many nominations as vacancies to be filled.
2. Each Councilmember shall indicate his or her choice for an appointment to a City board or commission by indicating the nominee they wish to vote for, which shall be recorded as an affirmative vote for that nominee. If a Councilmember does not indicate a choice for an appointment, no vote will be recorded. An affirmative vote by at least four members of Council is required for appointment. The nominee(s) with a majority vote of Councilmembers is appointed.
3. When there is a vacancy that does not result in a majority vote after the first round of voting, the nominees with the fewest votes will be eliminated and at least two applicants per vacancy with the highest number of votes (or more if there are tie votes in this grouping) will move forward for an additional Council vote until a majority vote is achieved. If a majority vote cannot be achieved in this manner due to the absence of one or more Councilmembers, the appointment will be continued to a future Meeting. In all other instances of a tie, the Council shall determine the appointee(s) by lot drawn by the City Clerk or the City Clerk's designee. The appointee(s) shall be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are drawn.
4. **When City Council is voting for one board position and it results in a 3-2-2 vote, the Council will take the two nominees who received two votes and vote on those two nominees. Whichever nominee receives 4 votes will then be considered with the nominee who received 3 votes and the nominee who receives a majority of the votes cast will be appointed to the board or commission.**

- 16.5 Post-appointment. All first-term appointees shall be required to attend an ethics training and orientation session prior to attending and participating in their first official board or commission meeting. For those individuals that are not selected, applications remain active for future vacancies. Applications remain on file for a one-year period from the date of receipt.

17. INVITATION TO EVENTS AND EVENT SPEAKING ORDER

- 17.1 When the Mayor is invited to events on behalf of the City and is unable to attend and the inviting party wishes someone else from the Council to attend, the invitation shall be**

first extended to the Vice Mayor and if not available, to other Councilmembers in order of seniority.

17.2 At City public events where multiple members of the City Council are present, the Mayor shall speak on behalf of the City and in the Mayor's absence, the Vice Mayor. In the event, both the Mayor and Vice Mayor are not available, the Vice Mayor shall designate a Councilmember to speak. If the Vice Mayor fails to designate a Councilmember to speak then the council member with most seniority shall speak on behalf of the City.

18. UNAVAILABILITY OF MAYOR

18.1 Pursuant to Article 2, Section 7 of the Scottsdale City Charter, if the Mayor is going to be absent from the City for more than seventy-two (72) hours or otherwise unavailable, the Mayor shall notify the City Council and Charter Officers of the Mayor's unavailability and/or absence.

DEFINITIONS

Alternate Motion – An Alternate Motion is a motion to amend; however, the language, or essence, of the Alternate Motion is so significantly different from the Main Motion (or an Amendment to the Main Motion) that it is offered as an “alternate” for the motion under debate.

Amending Motion – An Amending Motion (Amendment) is a motion to change, to add words to, or to omit words from, a pending original motion. The Amendment is usually made to clarify or improve the wording of the original motion and must be germane to that motion.

Amendment – See Amending Motion above.

City Staff – Charter Officers and City employees in the Charter Officer's various Divisions and Departments serving as assigned staff.

Council Report – A report prepared for agenda items, which is written by staff, and provides background, details, analysis, staff's recommendation, and related legislative documents and/or attachments to assist Councilmembers in their decision making.

Emergency Meeting – A Meeting, including an Executive Session, that is held on such notice as is appropriate to the circumstances, but less than 24 hours in advance of the Meeting, or as otherwise required by law.

Executive Session – A gathering of a Quorum of members of a public body from which the public is excluded for one or more of the reasons prescribed in statute (A.R.S. § 38-431.03).

Legal Action - A collective decision, commitment or promise made by a public body pursuant to the constitution, the public body's charter, bylaws or specified scope of appointment and the laws

of this state (A.R.S. § 38-431).

Main Motion – The initial motion made to bring an item before the Council for debate.

Meeting – The gathering, in person or through technological devices, of a Quorum of members of a public body at which they discuss, propose, or take Legal Action, including any deliberations by a Quorum with respect to such action. A Meeting may be recessed and resumed with less than twenty-four hours' notice if public notice of the initial session of the Meeting is given as required by law, and if, before recessing, notice is publicly given as to the time and place of the resumption of the Meeting or the method by which notice shall be publicly given.

Point of Order – A Point of Order is raised by a Member of the Council when there is disturbance, lack of decorum, or to raise a question of whether there has been a breach of the Council rules. A Point of Order can interrupt another speaker, does not require a second, is not debatable, is not amendable, and cannot be reconsidered. Once raised, a Point of Order requires a ruling by the Presiding Officer, and, if held to be in order, enforcement of order by the Presiding Officer. If the ruling is thought to be wrong, the Presiding Officer may be challenged by an appeal from any member of the Council. If the Presiding Officer fails to act, any member may move to require the Presiding Officer to enforce decorum. An affirmative vote of the majority of the Council shall require the Presiding Officer to act.

Point of Privilege – A Point of Privilege relates to the needs of the Meeting attendees or those of the maker, such as heating or cooling, audibility of the speaker, and the like, and is ruled on by the Presiding Officer, subject to appeal to the Council.

Quorum – A majority of the members of the Council.

Special Meeting – As provided in the City Charter, Special Meetings of the Council shall be scheduled by the City Clerk upon the request of the Mayor or four members of the Council, and a notice shall be posted as required by law.

Super Majority (two-thirds vote) – A Super Majority, or two-thirds vote, requires an affirmative vote of five members of the Council to pass.

Work Study Session (Study Session) – A Meeting to provide information to the Council and to allow the Council an opportunity to discuss City issues in detail and in a less formal manner. Other than to provide direction to staff, which may be done informally or by motion and a vote of the Council, no action is taken by the Council at a Work Study Session.

Proposed Amendments to Rules of Council Procedure

City Council Meeting | December 2, 2025

Luis Santaella, Interim City Attorney

Ben Lane, City Clerk



Background

- Council Rules first adopted in September 2011
- Amended seven times since initial adoption
- Traditionally, possible changes have been reviewed with each new Council
- Will discuss each major change and request direction on possible changes



Council Rule 2.3 – Presiding Officer

2.3 In the absence of both the Mayor and the Vice Mayor, the duties of the Mayor, as set forth in these rules, shall be performed by the **immediate past Vice Mayor and then** the member of the Council with the most seniority, which shall be determined by successive time of service on the Council. In the event that two or more members of the Council have the same length of service, seniority shall be determined by the alphabetical order of their respective surnames.



Council Rule 5 – Meetings

5.4 ~~As noted in Rule 5.7 and except as provided in the City Charter for Special Meetings, m~~Meeting times, dates, and locations may be changed, or Meetings may be called or canceled, by ~~the Mayor or~~ a majority of the Council.

5.7 ~~Special Meetings,~~ Executive Sessions, Work Study Sessions, or any other non-regularly scheduled Meetings of the Council, including Meeting times and locations, will be set at the direction of either the Mayor or four members of the Council, and a notice shall be posted as required by law. ~~Pursuant to Article 2. Section 12 of the City Charter, special meetings may be called by the Mayor or four (4) members of the council, with reasonable notice given to all members of the council.~~



Council Rule 6 – Agenda

6.1 Regularly-scheduled Council Meeting agenda items are listed in the following order:

4. Invocation **by Individual Councilmembers or their designee.**

5. Mayor's Report **(information only with no discussion).**

~~8. Public Comment (Open call to the public for items not listed on the Agenda)~~

10. Added Items

12. Public Comment (Open call to the public for items not listed on the Agenda)

15. Work Study Session items



Council Rule 6 - Agenda

6.11 Any Councilmember may add an item to a scheduled Council Meeting agenda to be listed under “Mayor and Council” items by submitting the item to the City Clerk at least **three ~~two~~** business days prior to the Council Meeting to allow for agenda modification. Items added in this manner require a majority vote and are limited to the following options: 1) direct the City Manager **or other responsible Charter Officer** to agendize the item for a future Meeting; 2) direct the City Manager **or other responsible Charter Officer** to investigate the matter and prepare a written response to Council; or 3) take no further action. **Each Councilmember shall have one opportunity to discuss their vote and then the Council will vote on the matter. Nine minutes, for a maximum of three speakers, shall be allowed for public comment.**



Council Rule 6 - Agenda

6.12 ~~Four or more members of the Council may request to have an item added to a scheduled Council Meeting agenda. This section has been deleted and reserved.~~



Council Rule 7 – Public Comment

Proposed Changes for Public Comment:

- Reduce non-agendized public comment from 3 minutes to 2 minutes
- 1 non-agendized public comment period only towards the end of the agenda
- Total number of speakers for non-agendized public comment reduced from 10 speakers to 8 speakers
- Clarifies that for agendized public comment on Consent, Regular and Mayor and Council items – speakers limited to discussing specific item
- A/V equipment may not be utilized by members of the public; overhead camera would remain available



Council Rule 8 – Citizen Petitions

Proposed Changes for Petitions:

- Must be submitted 14 days before requested Council Meeting
- Printed on 8.5” x 11” paper
- Turned in at same time
- City staff to determine number of petitions submitted by Scottsdale residents
- Formalizes actions that Council can take on petitions
 - Agendize
 - Written Report
 - No Action



Council Rule 10 – Debate and Decorum

10.6 All Councilmembers and the Presiding Officer shall use queuing equipment to indicate their desire to speak. **In the absence of queuing equipment, the Presiding Officer shall call on the Vice Mayor and then each Councilmember by seniority for remarks.** Upon recognition by the Presiding Officer, the official shall confine his or her remarks and questions to the issue under debate and shall refrain from all personal attacks and indecorous language.



Council Rule 11 – Voting and Motions

11.9 All motions **except a motion to call the question** require a second, but the second does not have to favor the motion, and may speak and/or vote against it. If there is no second, the Presiding Officer shall not recognize the motion and it fails for lack of a second.



Council Rule 15 – Council Committees

~~15.9—The Mayor's Office shall prepare and submit to the Council a biennial update on the external memberships and committees that each Councilmember participates in or serves on in his or her official capacity. The update shall include the entity's mission and purpose. City representation and capacity, associated costs, the role of the participating Councilmember(s), and the City's position/policy for each of the external memberships or committees. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the biennial Council committee appointments referenced in Rule 15.1.~~



Council Rule 16 – Boards and Commissions

Proposed Changes for Boards and Commissions:

- Moves nomination process to a Special Meeting to match appointment process
- If Vice Mayor unavailable, immediate past Vice Mayor handles meeting processes for nominations and appointments
- For appointments, if minimum number of candidates, Council can appoint through affirmation
- When voting results in a 3-2-2 vote, the Council will take the two nominees who received two votes and vote on those two nominees. Whichever nominee receives 4 votes will then be considered with the nominee who received 3 votes and the nominee who receives a majority of the votes cast will be appointed to the board or commission.



Council Rule 17 – Events (New)

17.1 When the Mayor is invited to events on behalf of the City and is unable to attend and the inviting party wishes someone else from the Council to attend, the invitation shall be first extended to the Vice Mayor and if not available, to other Councilmembers in order of seniority.

17.2 At City public events where multiple members of the City Council are present, the Mayor shall speak on behalf of the City and in the Mayor's absence, the Vice Mayor. In the event, both the Mayor and Vice Mayor are not available, the Vice Mayor shall designate a Councilmember to speak. If the Vice Mayor fails to designate a Councilmember to speak then the council member with most seniority shall speak on behalf of the City.



Council Rule 18 – Mayor Availability (New)¹⁵

18.1 Pursuant to Article 2, Section 7 of the Scottsdale City Charter, if the Mayor is going to be absent from the City for more than seventy-two (72) hours or otherwise unavailable, the Mayor shall notify the City Council and Charter Officers of the Mayor's unavailability and/or absence.



A large saguaro cactus stands prominently in the center of the frame, its arms reaching upwards. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with vibrant orange and yellow hues near the horizon, transitioning to darker blues and purples higher up. The sun is visible as a bright point of light behind the cactus, creating a lens flare effect. In the distance, a range of mountains is silhouetted against the horizon. To the right, the bare branches of a desert shrub are visible. The foreground shows some low-lying desert vegetation.

Questions

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jason Alexander <jason.alexander.az@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 9:42 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to Resolution No. 13568 and Stifling Residents

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I am vigorously opposed to this attempt to squash residents' ability to communicate with their City Council. It is the antithesis of resident friendly.

We have rules in place already to guarantee decorum, and grant the Presiding Officer flexibility to run an efficient meeting.

If you are worried about obscenity or copyrights, require submissions to the City Clerk's Office two days in advance giving them time to review. If you are concerned about Citizen Petitions, require similar two days. Your rule requiring two weeks, for example, would prohibit a petition against this very proposal.

I am aghast that its proponents are attempting to sneak it in to the agenda over a holiday week.

Jason Alexander
15 year resident

Lane, Benjamin

From: Sid Richison <sid.richison@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 4:03 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Public Comment

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What in the world are you potentially up to? The agenda item for Dec 2 is a total farce.

I know it will cut your time listening to citizens by 1/3. I know it will chill the submission of petitions. I know it will make your lives easier and reduce your work load.

And I know that is a load of manure. The current state of affairs is what you signed up for when you applied for this job. If you can't stand what you signed up for, get out. If you think it's that important, then have the common decency to make your revisions effective the day the next council takes office.

You certainly would not coddle an employee whining that their job was too difficult and expecting you to cut back on hours or work load for the same salary and benefits. Well, guess what, we citizens feel the same way about you.

Sid Richison
10083 E Dreyfus Ave
Scottsdale 85260

Sent from my iPad

Lane, Benjamin

From: alacrity1958@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2025 8:39 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Obviously, your claim of "Listening to Residents" and "Residents First" is over with the creation of Resolution No. 13568

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Dear Temporary Hired-hands,

That's right, despite your impressive sounding titles bestowed upon inauguration, you are temporary hired-hands. Obviously, you want your temporary tenure as short in duration as possible.

Resolution Number 13568 is a classic example of a desperate act by angry, fearful, and cowardly people.

Some of your former peers and predecessors tell me I should stop pointing out all your mistakes. They believe that when your enemies are making mistakes don't interrupt them. That a good idea if the collateral damage is limited. Unfortunately, the damage you are doing to Scottsdale is too great to ignore.

Scottsdale residents will be informed to greatest extent possible of your latest folly: Resolution #13568.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Steve Sutton

Lane, Benjamin

From: melissa@premiumadministration.com
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2025 12:26 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to Resolution No 13568

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I am strongly opposed to this effort to restrict residents' ability to communicate with their City Council. This proposal is the opposite of resident-friendly government and would meaningfully reduce our community's ability to engage.

We already have clear rules that ensure decorum and give the Presiding Officer flexibility to run an orderly meeting. These safeguards work. This resolution does not improve the process—if anything, it undermines public trust.

It's fair to ask: **What is prompting this change?**

If concerns involve obscenity or copyright, requiring materials to be submitted 48 hours in advance would address that. If the issue is Citizen Petitions, the same two-day window would be reasonable. But a two-week requirement would prevent residents from responding to timely issues—including filing a petition against this proposal.

I'm also concerned that this is being introduced during a holiday week, when many residents are understandably unavailable. Moving forward at such a moment reduces transparency and limits public input. This proposal affects every resident who values open, accessible local government.

Our community deserves a process that strengthens engagement—not one that makes it harder to be heard.

Melissa Kemp

Lane, Benjamin

From: Coelle Baskel <cbaskel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 7:11 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to Resolution No. 13568

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I am totally opposed to this resolution. Restricting citizens' 'rights' to be heard is a cowardly and anti-democratic way to take control beyond what you were voted to represent.

You can not represent the citizenry by not listening to what is wanted or giving enough time to present a 'concern'.

Please oppose resolution 13568.

Thank You!

-Coelle Baskel-
85258

Lane, Benjamin

From: Richard Coyle <richardjcoyle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:22 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. Stop this silliness. You're embarrassing yourselves.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Susan Umland <sueumland@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:22 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council

I am opposed to the proposed rules changes regarding public comment. To me this represents a form of censorship and not fair to the citizens of Scottsdale who you were elected to represent.

I urge you to vote NO to Resolution 13568

Sue Umland

Lane, Benjamin

From: eileen goldman <eyeleen45@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:23 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Scottsdale residents should be heard, no matter what party they align with. Everyone should be respectful and listen to both sides without interruptions, but Citizens SHOULD be allowed to speak at the meetings and council should stop trying to silence them. We all are part of the Scottsdale community and should be respectful of each other.

Eileen Goldman
Scottsdale, Arizona. 85259

Lane, Benjamin

From: xtrmgymmom@aol.com
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:25 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Sincerely,

Carol Foglesong
Scottsdale resident and voter

Lane, Benjamin

From: Mike Milillo <mikemilillo54@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:26 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers,
I urge you to oppose Resolution 13568. There is no benefit to stripping our residents of their right to speak to Council.

Thank you for your consideration!

Mike Milillo
mikemilillo54@gmail.com
602-527-0391

Lane, Benjamin

From: Laura <lxb59@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:24 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Hi there. I read of this Resolution recently.

You all supposed to represent us. I have no idea what could have been so objectionable that these changes would be proposed and considered. However, if certain individuals are problematic, they could be addressed individually, rather than changing the rules for the entire city.

I oppose Resolution 13568. Do not diminish or reduce the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Laura

Laura Ann Bartlett-Armstrong,
Retired
415-203-3535

"Fortitude invictus."

Lane, Benjamin

From: Bob Levitan <rjlevitan1@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:26 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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While I understand the quest for decorum, I strongly oppose Resolution 13568. Our country was built on freedom of speech and the rights of its citizens. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Robert Levitan
Scottsdale, 85266
rjlevitan1@cox.net
617.224.6920
Sent from my iPad

Lane, Benjamin

From: New PAL <32651.pl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:27 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Ralph Wirebaugh; Michelle B
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Patricia A Lutes
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Lane, Benjamin

From: Russell E Moore <russellm@rsmcollective.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:27 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Lane, Benjamin

From: Nestor Guzman <nestorguzman70@gmail.com>
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To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Lane, Benjamin

From: Ron Finkel <finkel.ron@gmail.com>
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To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

**WE ARE BETTER THAN FOUNTAIN
HILLS!!!!**

Lane, Benjamin

From: Lance Lawson <filmex@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:30 AM.
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Is Trump in charge of this council ? Don't have to curtail citizen rights, ya know, do what he does and just block the publication of all papers/minutes related to the matter. Keep the people in the dark by stopping the publication of all economic reports, all health industry reports, all employment figures, etc.

Just go full Trump/Putin and abolish public attendance at all future Star Chamber proceedings. Hold the meetings in secret, and then just deliver a memo of the bullet points, as the authoritarian council directs.

You council people make me sick. This is what Trump has given us...a never ending degradation of our democracy. Resign. Sorry, that's silly. But that's what comes with living long enough to remember when conservatives actually had honor...and standards. But then John McCain died. Maybe you can find those lost values in Trump's gold-plated bathroom/shrine to MAGA/Sadaam.

The Lawsons
Scottsdale, AZ.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Debbie Clousner <dclousner@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:33 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Best,

Debbie Clousner
602.561.1278

Lane, Benjamin

From: George Burk <gburk@georgeburk.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:36 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Captain George Burk USAF (Ret)
Vietnam Veteran. DAV.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Lane, Benjamin

From: Debra Owen <debraowen@usa.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:38 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

It is critical that residents have the opportunity to speak out at council meetings. Do NOT erode this basic right of democracy!

Debra Owen
7777 E. Heatherbrae Ave #128
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
6-2-751-8631

Lane, Benjamin

From: Craig MilbUrn <craignice@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:38 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Restrictions on Public Participation

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Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to our public participation rules. These revisions—which would **reduce public comment periods from two to one, move comments to the end of meetings, cut speaking time from three minutes to two, prohibit the use of city A/V equipment, and require two weeks' advance notice for citizen petitions**—do not “improve public participation,” as stated. Instead, they make it significantly harder for residents to engage with their own local government.

Each of these changes, individually, diminishes accessibility. Together, they create a substantial barrier to meaningful citizen involvement. For example:

- **Reducing the number and length of public comment opportunities** restricts the ability of residents to voice concerns on matters that directly affect them.
- **Moving the comment period to the end of the meeting** all but guarantees that fewer people will be able to participate, especially working residents, parents, and those with limited availability.
- **Forbidding the use of A/V equipment** eliminates an important tool for constituents who rely on data, visual aids, or recordings to effectively convey their perspectives.
- **Imposing a two-week advance notice requirement for petitions** limits community responsiveness and makes it nearly impossible to address time-sensitive issues.

Under these new rules, even this very proposal—introduced just before the Thanksgiving holiday—would fall outside the scope of what citizens could challenge through a petition. That alone demonstrates how these changes undermine, rather than strengthen, public engagement.

Transparent, accessible, and responsive governance is a cornerstone of public trust. I urge you to reconsider these revisions and instead pursue measures that expand public access, not restrict it. Residents deserve a council that seeks to hear from them, not to limit when, how, or whether they can be heard.

Thank you for your attention. I respectfully request that this proposal be withdrawn or substantially revised to preserve meaningful public participation.

Craig Milbourn

Lane, Benjamin

From: Felice Williams <jwilli1007@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:40 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jason Perone <jasonperone@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:40 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Council,

Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip or reduce the residents' right to speak to Council. It starts with "minor" adjustments to speaking opportunities and eventually ends up with none. Transparency and dialogue are key to successful partnership and leadership of our city.

Jason Perone

Lane, Benjamin

From: Tammila Watson <watsonfamilyaz@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:40 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Reese Nank <rnank@me.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:41 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Reese Nank
Sent from my iPhone 410/218-9121

Lane, Benjamin

From: Molly Simpson <molly@graphics2llc.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:43 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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To the City Council,

I Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

The proposed changes:

- Reduce public comment periods from two to one.
- Move public comments from the beginning of the meeting to the end.
- Reduce speaker time from three minutes to two minutes.
- Forbid the use of city audio visual equipment to play recordings.
- Require two weeks advance notice to consider citizen petitions.

This is contrary to your justification of improving transparency and public participation. Please understand that this looks anti-friendly to your constituents and to voters.

Sincerely,

Molly Simpson
Scottsdale resident and voter

Lane, Benjamin

From: Kip Merritt <kip@kipmerritt.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:43 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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I Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council!

Do NOT pass Resolution 13568.

Signed,
Kip Merritt

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Lane, Benjamin

From: rjwebster2@aol.com
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:47 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Dani W <woods.djt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:48 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Bert Braden <bertbraden@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:49 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Bert Braden
9404 N 87th Way
Scottsdale, Arizona
85258
Mobile: 480 822 9226

Lane, Benjamin

From: John Enriquez <chingon1950@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:50 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: Trevor Nelson <ctrevornelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:53 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Resolution 13568 is fascism!

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Greetings -

I strongly oppose Resolution 13568.

Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to the Scottsdale City Council.

Thank you

-Trevor Nelson

Lane, Benjamin

From: Sue Rodriguez <whenpigsfly11@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:56 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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To Every Member of the Council,

Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

I'm sick to death of this "new way to do government". You all are supposed to work for us, not control us. These new resolutions are just to make us shut up and be governed. NO! Republicans scream for "small government" yet all that is happening on the Federal and state levels is us being controlled by our own elected people. Make yourselves small. Make us big. We are the reason you are where you are. We didn't put you there to control us. We put you there to make our lives easier and better. If you don't want to be a "public servant" get the hell out of that office. Anything less than serving the public, is serving yourselves. Unacceptable.

Sincerely,
Susan Borison Rodriguez
Sent from Outlook

Lane, Benjamin

From: peter hosmerarch.com <peter@hosmerarch.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:57 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

You serve US, the citizens. This is clearly not a gesture of democracy.

Peter Hosmer

Lane, Benjamin

From: Donald Pochowski <don.pochowski@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:03 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Dear Scottsdale Council Members:

Oppose Resolution 13568 as I do not see how the proposed changes will make the meetings more civil and legally sound. Actually, it appears that it will make resident input more difficult. Therefore, I recommend no change.

Thank you,

Don Pochowski
480-334-0040
don.pochowski@gmail.com

Lane, Benjamin

From: George Caramanna <focusgp@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:04 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Vote no on Resolution 13568

Importance: High

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Council members you must oppose Resolution 13568. The intent of this resolution is simply to further restrict and limit public discussion of our fair city. You have been elected to listen to your constituents and work on what the citizens want. This resolution is a direct attempt to limit the very things that you were elected to protect.

I strongly urge the counsel to oppose this direct attack on our ability to comment suggest, interact and improve our city.

Sincerely,

George Caramanna CPA

George Caramanna, CPA, President



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From: Raymond Black <cjblack06@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:09 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. Raymond C. Black, McDowell Mounrain Ranch

Lane, Benjamin

From: Karen Hedge <karen@hedgecpa.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:11 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

So. I'm very disappointed in your performance on the city council! You were voted in to take care of the citizens of Scottsdale and we find that you have sided with BIG MONEY! How much are you getting for this betrayal?

Now that you find that you have disgruntled voters you are trying to silence us by limiting our input at your meetings.

Please oppose the Resolution 13568.

Frustrated Scottsdale citizen,
Karen Hedge

Lane, Benjamin

From: David Schweers <dmschweers2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:16 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Mailen Pankiewicz <ando_ganas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:17 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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I oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. The mere act of moving general comments to the end of the agenda is an attack on citizens and their needs.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Susan Rollins <serollins52@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:21 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Why do you want the proposed changes?

Susan Rollins

cell 847 452 2834

email serollins52@gmail.com

Lane, Benjamin

From: mltrs <mltrs@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:23 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. Mary Lee Schneiderhan

Lane, Benjamin

From: Rick Oconnor <rickoc58@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:24 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Please vote No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. Public comment before meeting is essential so council can take public comment before acting/voting.

Sincerely
Richard O'Connor,
South Scottsdale Citizen

Lane, Benjamin

From: docdrew42@cox.net
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:25 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

Importance: High

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Thanks,

Andrew Poulos

Lane, Benjamin

From: DAVID B PAUL <bartcos@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:28 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Public participation

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The proposed changes to public participation at City Council meetings sadly reflects that the current majority is afraid of criticism. If you can sit at the meetings and express your position on issues and vote on them, then YOU HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO SIT AND LISTEN TO CRITICISM NO MATTER HOW HARSH.

If you are unable to take criticism then resign. If you adopt the proposed changes I will vote against you the next election. I actually voted for you because the previous council did not reflect most of the positions that I hold. However, even suggesting reducing public participation is hardly democratic it more dictatorial and the citizenry cannot stand for that.

Change your arrogant ways or the voters will change the council.

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Lane, Benjamin

From: Dana Isaacs <danabell612@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:37 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

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Lane, Benjamin

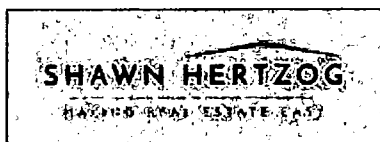
From: Shawn Hertzog <shawnhertzog@gmail.com> on behalf of Shawn Hertzog
<ShawnHertzog@Realtor.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:37 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Your Certified Real Estate Investment Advisor

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Lane, Benjamin

From: maryrg1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:52 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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STOP THE CENSORSHIP. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

GRAHAM AND HIS CREW ARE MAKING RULES LIKE A DICTATORSHIP!!!

With these kinds of rules, NONE OF YOU WILL GET RE-ELECTED!!!

Mary Grammas

Lane, Benjamin

From: elliott gartner <emgartner@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:52 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Sent from my iPad

Lane, Benjamin

From: Rabbi Kravitz <rrlkdd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:52 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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I oppose Resolution 13568. Residents must have the right to speak to our Councilmembers in public and at Council meetings. Restricting our ability to address Councilmembers takes away our freedom of speech, a Federal Constitutional Right.

Respectfully,

Rabbi

Rabbi Robert L. Kravitz, DD

Lane, Benjamin

From: Cheryl Merklin <cm2963@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:54 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

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This resolution reflects shades of Trumpism and his befforts to squelch any criticism of him and his care of sycophants. It also smacks of Nazi Germany.

Please vote against this resolution.

Cheryl Merklin
7235 E Camino Rayo de Luz

Lane, Benjamin

From: Pat Cayce <phcayce@transchicago.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:55 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Elena Samfilippo <esamfilippo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:12 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Judy Zimmet <jazinaz22@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:13 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Dear Scottsdale City Council,

Here are the proposed changes to Resolution 13568:

- Reduce public comment periods from two to one.
- Move public comments from the beginning of the meeting to the end.
- Reduce speaker time from three minutes to two minutes.
- Forbid the use of city audio visual equipment to play recordings.
- Require two weeks advance notice to consider citizen petitions.

How on earth does this "*improve public participation*"? Under these new rules, this very topic would be outside the scope of a citizen petition since it was snuck in just before the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

I Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Sincerely,
Judy A. Zimmet
jazinaz22@gmail.com

Lane, Benjamin

From: Phil Bird <philbird006@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:17 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Phil Bird <philbird006@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:17 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Dottie Bird
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Shirley Wagner <slw63khs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:24 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Shirley Wagner

Lane, Benjamin

From: Isabel Dalhousie <isabel.dalhousie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:35 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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I oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip me a scottsdale residents of my right to speak to Council.

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: James Derouin <jimderouin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:40 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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For a Council that is supposedly “resident friendly,” Resolution 13568 is sure dopey. Some might even call it hypocritical. Let residents comment.

jimderouin@gmail.com

Lane, Benjamin

From: Steve Close <closecomm@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:44 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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I do not support Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. Those who vote to pass this will definitely not get my vote...ever.

Thank you

Steve Close

1838 N 78th Street

Scottsdale Az 85257

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jeff Kirpach <jkirpach81@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:47 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Jeff K

Lane, Benjamin

From: Paula McMullen <jmcmullen16056@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:52 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

This is high handed. Remember that we VOTED for you to represent us. This is not allowing us to inform you of our opinions and wishes.

Paula McMullen

Lane, Benjamin

From: Andrew Chi <andrew@andrewchiplanning.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 12:58 PM
To: City Council; Lane, Benjamin; Santaella, Luis
Cc: Andrew Chi
Subject: Stop Censorship: Vote NO on Resolution 13568

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Dear Scottsdale Councilmembers,

I urge you to vote **NO** on Resolution 13568 at the December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting. This resolution does not improve transparency or participation — it restricts and diminishes it.

Key proposed changes include:

- Reducing public comment periods from two to one
- Moving public comment to the end of the meeting
- Reducing speaker time from three minutes to two
- Prohibiting use of City audio-visual equipment by residents
- Requiring two weeks' advance notice for citizen petitions

These changes do not expand civic engagement — they curtail it. Under these rules, this very topic could not have been submitted as a citizen petition, as it was introduced right before the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

I have lived in South Scottsdale since 2010 and am a small business owner whose work regularly involves navigating public meetings and municipal processes. From 2007 to 2020, I served as a Scottsdale City Planner and coordinated numerous public hearing cases before Council, including the 2016 Sign Ordinance Text Amendment. In that effort, residents, businesses, and stakeholders actively shaped the final outcome — and Council unanimously approved the ordinance update because it reflected the community's voice. That process worked precisely *because* it was grounded in meaningful, accessible public participation.

I am also concerned by the process used to present this resolution. The proposed revisions — prepared and drafted into final form by the Interim City Attorney and the City Clerk — already include strikeouts and replacement language across nearly 20 pages. Instead of first identifying potential areas for review and allowing Council (and the public) to openly discuss whether any changes are even appropriate, the detailed amendments have already been pre-written and embedded within the document, leaving Council to vote on a fully crafted rewrite. This approach sidelines both Council discretion and public input — the very concerns being raised about Resolution 13568 in the first place.

Scottsdale has long been recognized for open, participatory, and responsive local government. This proposal heads in the opposite direction.

Please do not silence the public. Vote **NO** on Resolution 13568.

Thank you,

ANDREW CHI

Owner, Planner & Consultant

Andrew Chi Planning

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Lane, Benjamin

From: David W. Harris <dwharri1@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:03 PM
To: City Council; Borowsky, Lisa
Subject: Rules of Procedure on December 2

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Mayor Borowsky, Council Members: Barry Graham, Jan Dubauskas, Adam Kwasman, Kathy Littlefield, Maryann McAllen and Solange Whitehead

Let me express a Scottsdale resident and voter's perspective on amending Rules of Procedure concerning public comment:

"Reduce public comment periods from two to one" will not improve public participation and appears to discourage transparency (less questions from the residents).

"Reduce speaker time from three minutes to two minutes." Most Scottsdale residents are not polished public speakers and putting together a concise message (2 minutes) will be difficult.

"Forbid the use of city audio visual equipment to play recordings." **Does this mean if residents have one or two powerpoint slides they cannot use the City's equipment?**

David W. Harris
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Scottsdale, AZ 85262
480-809-5234
dwharri1@cox.net

Lane, Benjamin

From: Gary Knopp <gwknopp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:05 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

This proposal is un American. We strongly oppose.

Gary Knopp
41431 N 106th St
Scottsdale, AZ 85262

Lane, Benjamin

From: Robert <rfaerber@wellesleygroup.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:15 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Resolution 13568

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I am not in favor of the proposed changes limiting the time for public comment. This, along with the ban on city A/V equipment use and moving the comment period to the end of the meetings looks like limiting transparency, not improving it.

Robert Faerber
7175 E Camelback Rd unit 1101

Lane, Benjamin

From: Dave McIntire <dfm7978@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:21 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Stop censorship.

Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Sent from my iPad

Lane, Benjamin

From: RB <rb2phxaz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:22 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. Democracy isn't about being convenient or efficient for you, it's about the citizens you represent having input into your decisions.

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: Cathy Hurtle <cchtul@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:23 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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This is an BAD resolution.

Please oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. The changes proposed appear to me to impede and obstruct public comment. Public forums are messy, but need to be encouraged not shut down. Leave the current procedures in place.

Catherine Hurtle
Troon, Scottsdale
(918)629-5730

Lane, Benjamin

From: robert fishman <lratio@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:25 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Rob Fishman

Lane, Benjamin

From: Barbara Estes <barbaraestes6@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:27 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: Layne Corzine <laynemhm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:38 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jim Woods <jimwoods351@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:40 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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I Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Jim

Lane, Benjamin

From: Joanne Taylor KG <jotaylor@keywoodgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:43 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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I can't, in my wildest imagination, understand how Resolution 13568 improves public participation. **Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.**

We are watching each and every one of you and taking notes . . .

Joanne Taylor

Lane, Benjamin

From: Michal Ann Joyner <michaljoyner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 1:54 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Yes on Resolution 13568

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I totally support this Resolution. The public comments have become embarrassing and blatantly ugly. It's the same 2 or 3 people! We know what they're going to say before they start speaking. Total waste of time and should not be allowed.

Michal Ann Joyner
480-695-5603
Captain, Mountainside Precinct
1st VC Palo Verde Republican Women

Lane, Benjamin

From: michaelpleary <michaelpleary@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:09 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Public Comment period proposed changes

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Dear Councimembers, I have been made aware of the possible changes to the public comment period at City Council Hearings.

- Reduce public comment periods from two to one.
- Move public comments from the beginning of the meeting to the end.
- Reduce speaker time from three minutes to two minutes.
- Forbid the use of city audio visual equipment to play recordings.
- Require two weeks advance notice to consider citizen petitions.
-

All five items appear to limit the ability of citizens to address items for possible Council consideration. I would like to make the following comments for your consideration.

If the reduction of the public comment period is unfortunately limited to one, it should be at the beginning of agenda with additional time made available for the public comment period. Having just one period and at the end of the agenda, appears to possibly frustrate those wishing to make just a 3-minute presentation. Reducing the speaker time to 2 minutes appears to be inconsistent with the 3 minutes given to all speakers during the balance of the meeting. As the expression goes, pictures are worth a thousand words and best presented through the city's video/audio equipment. Otherwise we're back to using the overhead projector and oversized posters. Requiring a two-week advance notice might allow agendaizing the public comment items and providing communications to council prior to the meeting especially since the 3-minute limitation is often insufficient.

I would like to suggest that there be a comparison on how other Valley cities conduct their public comment period for your reference.

I hope this helps! ML

Lane, Benjamin

From: Carole G. <cactusag@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:18 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Ruth Lezotte <rlezotte@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:19 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jeff OConnor <2jeffoconnor@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:26 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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I oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip residents of their right to speak to the Council.

What is going on with this Council? Please stop advancing this MAGA-driven agenda. Public speech is not the problem—attacking our ability to speak is. This resolution restricts my voice, and my voice represents the opposing view. I want to be heard, not limited.

Do not pass this resolution.

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: Karen Sellars <thesellars@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:26 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Karen Sellars

Lane, Benjamin

From: TrixieAnn Golberg <trixieanngg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:35 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Dear Scottsdale Council Members,

You are proposing shocking changes to the ability of citizens to be effectively heard and participate in the deliberative processes of a representative democracy.

Oppose Resolution 13568.

Do not strip the residents of our right to speak to Council.

This is a poorly veiled way to hear only the voices that directly support you or pay to play in local decisions through election contributions and many other sideways to hidden influence.

Do not attack others for asking questions. Hear their questions, respond, incorporate and educate around issues before mandating decisions from your narrow view point.

We all know you can do better and must.

Thank you

TrixieAnn Golberg
7800 E Lincoln Drive #2041
Scottsdale 85250
Homeowner, tax payer and resident

Lane, Benjamin

From: Lynne Reaves <lreaves@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:37 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Your desired oppression on the people you represent is horrid. We oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. Vote for the people, not against us.

Lynne Reaves
11351 e Desert vista Rd
Scottsdale.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Don Moskovitz <don.moskovitz@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:39 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council There is no need to reduce any of the procedures in place. It's hard enough for the public to address the council. I am completely against these changes.

Don Moskovitz
9244 N 117TH way 85259

Lane, Benjamin

From: Mary Fowler <fowler667@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:43 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Dear City Council members,

Having worked in Municipal Government for more than 25 years, I know that resident input is fundamental to ensuring the long-term health of a city. Planting hurdles that stifle residents from publicly voicing their opinions is reckless and an attack on their First Amendment rights. The proposed changes to the public comment policy do nothing to improve public participation; rather, the specific procedures proposed act to restrain and suppress open government. City employees are funded by resident taxes; they, as well as council, must encourage resident involvement in government even if staying up late for a couple of council meetings a month is not comfortable.

I urge you to Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not become known as a city that muffles its residents by denying their right to speak to Council. Instead, be a leader in ensuring that Scottsdale becomes an open and desirable place to live.

Mary Fowler
85255

Lane, Benjamin

From: Dixie Knecht <dk3058@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:50 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: L G <leckiegrou@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:51 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Fwd: ALERT: City Council Preparing to Censor Public Comments

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We the People is who you serve. We deserve the right to comment. You already play enough games to disregard public comments. The People of Scottsdale deserve to be part of the process and in such a way that they have the opportunity to voice opinions. We disagree with the decision to change the current policies that are designed to serve the people's right to comments.

Sent from my iPhone

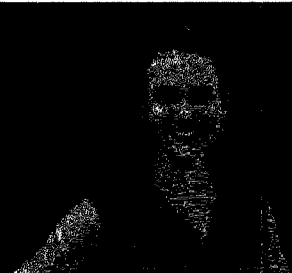
Begin forwarded message:

From: Caputi on Council <tammy@tammycaputi.com>
Date: November 24, 2025 at 10:16:48 AM MST
To: leckiegrou@icloud.com
Subject: **ALERT: City Council Preparing to Censor Public Comments**
Reply-To: Caputi on Council <tammy@tammycaputi.com>

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CITY COUNCIL CENSORING PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Council is amending the Rules of Procedure on December 2. The justification is to "improve transparency, civility, decorum and public participation." The changes are "intended to make our meetings more efficient, civil, and legally sound."

REALLY?

Here are the proposed changes:

- Reduce public comment periods from two to one.
- Move public comments from the beginning of the meeting to the end.
- Reduce speaker time from three minutes to two minutes.
- Forbid the use of city audio visual equipment to play recordings.
- Require two weeks advance notice to consider citizen petitions.

How on earth does this *"improve public participation"*? Under these new rules, this very topic would be outside the scope of a citizen petition since it was snuck in just before the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

So much for the "resident-friendly" council.

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Lane, Benjamin

From: Kathy Pedrick <kpedrick1@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 2:55 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Kathy Pedrick

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jeri Davis <jeridavis89@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 3:00 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Jeri Davis ~Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: KAREN DOERING <karen.doering@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 3:28 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Prevent Resolution 13568 from silencing community voices.

Karen Doering
Scottsdale 85355

Lane, Benjamin

From: splurge.misty_4d@icloud.com
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 3:40 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Reject Resolution 13568

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Dear Scottsdale City Council members,

I urge you to reject Resolution No. 13568, item 16 on the Dec 2, 2025 council agenda concerning Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Council Procedure.

The changes proposed reduce the time allotted to public comment, reduce the number of public comment periods, move public comments to the end of council meetings, require 2 weeks advance notice for consideration of citizen petitions, and more.

These are extensive changes that significantly restrict public commenting at city council meetings. This is not resident-friendly behavior.

The justifications for these actions are vague and insufficient. There are no clearly defined problem statements that these changes are proposing to address, no analysis of the severity of the issues, no discussion of alternatives considered before arriving at the recommended actions.

This lack of analysis alone is enough to reject this proposal given the significant restrictions that are proposed on public discourse at council meetings and the extent of changes spanning 18 pages (Attachment 2). I would expect that restrictions on public commenting are the option of last resort, not the first tool to reach for, even assuming they are sufficiently justified.

If council believes there's a critical issue that needs to be addressed, I encourage you to define it clearly - supported with appropriate justification/data - and request that a proposal be drafted, tailored narrowly and specifically only to that concern, for consideration at a future council meeting.

Respectfully,

Umberto Santoni
Scottsdale, AZ

Lane, Benjamin

From: Beth Brezinski <brezi88@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 3:57 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Sincerely,
Beth Brezinski

Lane, Benjamin

From: Trisia <tdeojay@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 4:56 PM
To: Borowsky, Lisa; City Council
Subject: Who do you represent?

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Mayor Borowsky and Council members:

The actions of the current Board is becoming more and more serious. Who does the Board represent? Political rhetoric loudly claims the people of Scottsdale views are seriously valued. Really? When petitions from the people are submitted with request to place the topic on future agenda—it is denied as well as concerns expressed at Public Comment frequently ignored.

Evidently, hearing from the public is problematic now, thus reducing the COMMUNITIES TIME and RESOURCES at our meetings. Egregious, at best!
Here are the proposed changes:

- *Reduce public comment periods from two to one.*
- *Move public comments from the beginning of the meeting to the end.*
- *Reduce speaker time from three minutes to two minutes.*
- *Forbid the use of city audio visual equipment to play recordings.*
- *Require two weeks advance notice to consider citizen petitions.*

I am stunned, and saddened by these proposed changes. Regardless of political ideology, each who supports these changes, seriously needs to reflect upon why you're there and for whom.

The end does not justify the means. People do not forget as often stated by political strategists. In today's climate especially, "censorship" is not looked upon kindly by the people who are participatory vs. passive in their community.

Who on this Council is as non-supportive as I am on the changes? Who on this Council values their city-wide neighbors, and their own words on the campaign trail-quality Scottsdale; listening to the people?

Respectfully and sadly submitted,
Trisia Deojay

Lane, Benjamin

From: Robin Meinhart <robin8408@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 5:22 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. This smacks of blatant censorship. Shame on you for bringing forward. How little you think of those you are supposed to represent!

Lane, Benjamin

From: John Jakupcak <fuller1246@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 5:45 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Dear Councilmember,

As a former city staff worker in a California city, I understand the importance of citizen participation in city government. The changes that are being proposed are not supportive of the public process. Please oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. This sounds like a typical Donald Trump maneuver where the title of the proposal achieves the exact opposite when implemented. Shame on you!!

Sincerely,
John Jakupcak

Lane, Benjamin

From: barbaraveltri@icloud.com
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 5:53 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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I Oppose Resolution 13568.

Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Barbara Veltri, Ed.D 85260
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480-221-1826

Lane, Benjamin

From: kathe.coot <kathe.coot@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 6:15 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Please maintain full public participation in Council meetings

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Please oppose Resolution 13568. The current system has worked for the 30+ years that I have been a Scottsdale resident and voter. There is no need to change it. Please do not limit the residents' right to speak to Council any further. Thank you for your consideration.

Kathe Anderson

Lane, Benjamin

From: Will Holoman <wholoman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 6:15 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Please Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Please Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Will Holoman
Scottsdale, AZ

Lane, Benjamin

From: LINDA AMBROSE <lambrose522@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 6:20 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.
Tell us, how would you feel if you were NOT Council Members & these new rules would apply to you?,,,taking away Your ability to freely speak to your Council about your legitimate concerns on issues in a timely manner???? Your added restraints to freedom of speech seems seriously, morally wrong & is duly noted....
Most Sincerely,,,

Lane, Benjamin

From: APRIL NEWELL <afn1@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 7:03 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

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To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Bonnie Engstrom <bengstrom@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 7:07 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Honestly, I've never attended a city council meeting, but I always read emails from council members which I appreciate. I've presided over large volunteer groups (500+) in the past so I know input from attendees is important - actually pretty basic and written into most bylaws. Yes, I oppose limiting input from the community. After all council members were elected/selected by the community.

ALSO . . . I oppose honoring Charlie Kirk with anything. I am a Christian but he voiced many opinions that are not biblical about disabled people, trans people, killing and so much more. Please do not honor someone who spewed hate. Listen to the Pope and your hearts and be moral in decisions.

Thank you,
Bonnie Engstrom

Lane, Benjamin

From: Cara House <cara_h@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 7:13 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Thank you

Lane, Benjamin

From: Carol Lustfeldt <clustfeldt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 7:41 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. I cannot believe you are decreasing citizen's right to speak. This is stopping any input from citizens. Why would you put we Scottsdale citizens at the end of meetings? How can you make informed decisions when you have given no one the chance to speak. Limiting people to 2 from 3 minutes is ludicrous. Limiting from 2 to 1 comment period is also limiting any input by citizens. This looks like a political maneuver to squash Freedom of Speech and to push your own agenda despite what Scottsdale residents might want. I have been a resident in Scottsdale for 40 years and an employee of Honor Health Osborn for 25 years; and can say I have been sorely disappointed in this Council. Decisions have been made for what your own agenda has been and not for the better of Scottsdale residents, but more for corporations and big money. What you are proposing is censorship to any input by Scottsdale residents.

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: Darryl <orbops@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 8:36 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Rules of Procedure do not need to be changed

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To the Mayor and City Council,

I think it's outrageous that there is an agenda item on the December 2nd city council meeting that wants to change the Rules of Procedure. If these rules are approved, then I believe these rules should also apply to all city council members in the following manner:

- The city council members would only be allowed to speak one time during meetings
- All city council members would only be allowed to speak at the end of the meeting for a maximum of two minutes.
- No city council members would be allowed to utilize city audio visual equipment
- Any agenda item needs two weeks advance notice.

If this sounds ridiculous, then I ask you to reevaluate this upcoming agenda item for the December 2nd meeting.

Regards,

Darryl Komesu

full time Scottsdale resident



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Lane, Benjamin

From: PATRICIA BADENOCCH <guardbadenoch@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 8:51 PM
To: City Council
Subject: RE: Public Input

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Dear Mayor and Council;

Please tell me who initiated this action -

Reduce 2 public comment periods to 1

Move public comment to end of meeting/ and eliminating them to 8 speakers

Reduce the 3 minutes to 2

Prohibits use of audio/visual

Requires a two wk time frame for presenting petitions

Are you getting hundreds of emails for initiating this from the citizens of Scottsdale or is this a staff oriented demand with their logic to proceed? Were any council members involved with these new demands?

We have found other cities do worse but thought Scottsdale was above all these curtailments. Some of you profess to represent the citizens but when hundreds are sent relative an issue that does not go forward to your intended direction, it is ignored.

No wonder there is an increase of distrust among the citizens that thought you worked for us.

Regards, Patricia G. Badenoch

Lane, Benjamin

From: lauraweaver@qwestoffice.net
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:33 PM
To: City Council
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT (OR REMOVAL THEREOF)!

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To Mayor Borowsky and City Council:

First off, this is absolutely disgusting! In light of the recent events that transpired over AXON that removed our right for our referendum to be heard on the ballot...these current /recent developments do nothing more than rub salt in our collective wound and only serve to attempt to censor and silence our voices further! These actions amount to fascistic behavior and serve to diminish and suppress our FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS to redress our grievances to our government!! SHAME ON YOU! SHOULD THIS RESOLUTION MOVE FORWARD, WE WILL NOT FORGET AND WE WILL HOLD THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, COME ELECTION DAY!!!

Laura Weaver

Scottsdale VOTER!

Lane, Benjamin

From: Andrea Johnson <andrea.webster.johnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 5:28 AM
To: City Council
Subject: No on Resolution 13568

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I strongly oppose Resolution 13568. Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Andrea Johnson
Scottsdale resident and voter

Lane, Benjamin

From: Catherine Frost <cmf9644@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 6:40 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

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Catherine M. Frost

Lane, Benjamin

From: Colleen Kelly <baseballcolleen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 6:58 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Sheesh - here you go again.

This council just keeps getting uglier and uglier.

Talk about poison! (Are you listening Mr. Kwasman, or do you even read these emails?).

Why are you afraid of listening to Scottsdale residents?

Is your time better spent doing something else?

Then please, sit out the next election cycle, stay home and do it.

Colleen Kelly
Scottsdale

Lane, Benjamin

From: Susan <sleeper499@protonmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 7:18 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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You all are going from bad to worse. Talk about disregarding your constituents' voices.

Vote no on Resolution 13568. Do not strip Scottsdale residents of our right to speak at Council meetings.

Susan Leeper
12309 N. 90th Way

Sent with Proton Mail secure email.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Sarah Mastores <smastores63@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 7:39 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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I was appalled to hear about the proposed changes to this. Please Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Sarah Mastores

Lane, Benjamin

From: Randi Jablin <randijablin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 7:49 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Laraine Rodgers <laraineaz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 7:50 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Laraine Rodgers
Subject: Memorial Standards and Public Voice Matter

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To the Scottsdale Mayor and Council:

Citizens have a right to know what their elected leaders plan to discuss, provide direction on, or vote to do. Without a public voice, trust in the process erodes.

The much-discussed memorial proposal now appears on the December 1 Work-Study Agenda. In the detailed attachment, right after the two *Current Criteria for Community Requests*, the guidelines clearly state that memorials must *not* be divisive to the community. A memorial to Mr. Kirk does not meet that standard. Below is my earlier email outlining why.

I also reviewed our historian Joan Fudala's list of Scottsdale memorials. Those honored share a common thread: they made major, lasting contributions to our city. That is the tradition we should uphold.

Turning to the Tuesday, December 2 Agenda, I appreciated several of the procedural updates written by Interim Attorney Luis E. Santiella and City Clerk Ben Lane. The addition of a new tie-breaking process for 3-2-2 votes is a welcome improvement.

However, removing residents' opportunity to speak on non-agendized items at the **start** of meetings—and instead having only one time at the end of the meeting with one-third less time per person and overall is questionable. Restricting public comment restricts public trust.

This city belongs to its stakeholders. We pay taxes. We participate. We care deeply. And—ultimately—we elect you. Or not.

Laraine Rodgers

(Address on file)

Scottsdale AZ 85255

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Lane, Benjamin

From: Benita Dotson <wundernana@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 7:54 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Linda Ayres <lindaleeayres@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 8:06 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: N K <awk321@webtv.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:26 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council. Restricting people's right to comment is how dictators behave. Every previous generation of Americans fought and died for our fundamental rights such as the right to free speech and the right to hold the government accountable for its actions. This resolution is an attack on these fundamental rights and it must be defeated.

Nancy Kuhn

Lane, Benjamin

From: scottsdale@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:44 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

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Lane, Benjamin

From: scottsdale@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 9:52 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

This is woke communism.at it's worst. Am a homeowner since 1995 as well!

Ron Romak
2647 N Miller Rd. #22
Scottsdale

Sent from AOL on Android

Lane, Benjamin

From: Pamela Hopkins <pamelaazdp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:03 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Pamela N Hopkins

Lane, Benjamin

From: Patrick Cunningham <patricklaw8713@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:40 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Mayor and Council: Please Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Thank you.

Patrick Cunningham
8713 E Heatherbrae Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Lane, Benjamin

From: Sarah Kate Gottlieb <skateg22@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 11:01 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Avid opposition to resolution 13568

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Hello,

I am strongly and unequivocally opposed to this blatant attempt to silence residents and limit their ability to communicate with their elected City Council. This proposal is the opposite of resident-friendly.

We already have rules that ensure proper decorum and give the Presiding Officer ample discretion to manage meetings efficiently. If the concern is obscenity or copyright issues, then simply require materials to be submitted to the City Clerk two days in advance so they can be reviewed. If the issue is Citizen Petitions, the same two-day requirement would be reasonable. But a two-week requirement, as suggested, would effectively block residents from filing a petition against this very proposal.

I am frankly stunned that anyone on this Council would support such a measure. This is profoundly anti democratic.

Regards,
Kate Gottlieb
20 year resident

Lane, Benjamin

From: Joseph Feigenbaum <josephfeigenbaum1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 12:55 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Question

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Why and whom has proposed this? Why is this not a public item to be voted on?

It seems to be part of a continuing effort to reduce our opinions on city council meetings.

Those pesky voters, let's ignore them and do what we think.

<https://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/cityclerk/DocumentViewer/Show/182a2091-1587-476d-beec-5fbb99fdfb33>

Joseph Feigenbaum
:
11801 N 113th Way
Scottsdale, AZ 85259
:
914.621.6029

Lane, Benjamin

From: Bret Parke <bpe_mail@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 1:23 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to Resolution No 13568 citizens comment

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I oppose changes to public comment at Council meetings and the timing for such changes.

The resolution is counter to responsive and open government. It impacts every Scottsdale resident that values open and accessible representation. Our residents deserve meetings and process that strengthen la engagement not impairs it.

There have been and will continue to be challenging issues with strong opinions. This will not change that fact just the citizen input and voice. Please reconsider this decision.

Best,
Bret Parke
Scottsdale resident.

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: Linda Rizzo <lrizzomail@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 1:27 PM
To: Borowsky, Lisa; McAllen, Maryann; Kwasman, Adam; Whitehead, Solange; Littlefield, Kathy; Dubauskas, Jan; Graham, Barry
Cc: Santaella, Luis; Lane, Benjamin
Subject: Re: Dec 2, 2025 City Council Meeting

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This Thanksgiving, I'd be grateful

1. for the continued ability to speak freely and present to the public at City Council meetings
2. if the roles and responsibilities of my Mayor were not constantly undermined

Please vote against the unnecessary rules changes.

best,
Linda Rizzo
480 766 6606

Lane, Benjamin

From: Ruslan K <rkarapat@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 1:35 PM
To: Borowsky, Lisa; City Council
Subject: DO NOT RESTRICT PUBLIC COMMENT, CITIZEN PETITIONS on Dec 2

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Esteemed Mayor and City Council members:

As a Scottsdale resident and taxpayer, I am writing to you in strong opposition to current plans (proposed amendments to the Rules of Council Procedure) to restrict public comment and citizen petitions, starting on Dec 2, 2025.

These restrictions of the citizens' ability to communicate with the city council are detrimental to the good governance in Scottsdale.

I look forward to all of you putting a decisive stop to these plans.

Ruslan Karapatnitski
North Scottsdale resident
Vistana Estates

Lane, Benjamin

From: Douglas Russell <floydruessell@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 2:29 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Yea, why not just apply duct tape over visitors mouths?

Present rules have functioned for a long time.

Try and remember, you work for the people you represent. If that takes a Biot more time once in a while, tough!

Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: M CN <mary_catton_newman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 2:53 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Dec. 2 agenda item #16

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Scottsdale City Council:

I will be at the meeting to witness who will vote to restrict the public's right to comment. You are there as public servants to us. I appreciate your service. However, do not begin to think you are more important than us, that you may ignore us.
Mary Newman

Lane, Benjamin

From: Eli Gruber <eligruber@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 3:13 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Public comment restrictions

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I am alarmed that this council seeks to suppress public comment by reducing time and moving it to the end of the meeting. It was wrong for Fountain Hills to do it and it's wrong for Scottsdale to do the same. This is an assault on free speech. Please vote no.

Regards,

Eli Gruber

Lane, Benjamin

From: Iris Finkelstein <irisf@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:21 PM
To: City Council
Subject: TIME TO SPEAK

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Do not lower the amount of time to speak because 2 minutes instead of 3 minutes is not enough time to speak about important issues.

Iris

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jamie Burgess <burgessjamie94@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:42 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Jamie Burgess

Sent from my iPhone

Lane, Benjamin

From: erikhord@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 10:02 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Hello, just read about the proposed "improvements" to public participation at council meetings. I'm sure these changes seem great to the MAGA members of the council, but to those of us who still embrace democracy they're ridiculous. You work for the citizens of Scottsdale, you will listen to us, deal with it, and if you can't, leave, we'll be fine without you.

Thanks for your time and Happy Thanksgiving!

Erik Hord
Scottsdale, AZ

Lane, Benjamin

From: Judy Levy <judy.levye@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 10:03 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Non-agendized comment

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I don't see the value to restricting the public comments. I think the comments could be timely, important and helpful.

Thank you,
Judy Levy
10402 E Raintree Dr, Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Lane, Benjamin

From: Charles W Jepson <chuckjepson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 12:13 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Leticia Assad <vlassad@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 12:47 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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I oppose these changes.

Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

Regards,
Lety Assad

Lane, Benjamin

From: George Caramanna <focusgp@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 3:17 PM
To: Borowsky, Lisa; City Council
Subject: Vote no on Resolution 13568

Importance: High

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Dear Mayor Borowsky,

As your name is appearing on this proposed change I respectfully request to know your personal and professional position on this resolution to limit Scottsdale residents input and ability to interact with the the city and city council. I also respectfully request to know who are the sponsors and who directed the Interim city attorney and City clerk to spend all the time money and effort to try and get this restriction passed. If you are unwilling, unaware or unable to answers these questions, would someone in the city council please respond?

Ms. Borowsky please note that I voted for you in the hope you would better represent the wishes of Scottsdale Residents,

Respectfully,
George Caramanna
Scottsdale Business owner, Scottsdale Resident.

George Caramanna, CPA, President



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Lane, Benjamin

From: Judy LeMarr <Judy@judylemarr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 5:51 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

The Council continues to baffle me in their lack of representation of the residents of Scottsdale.

Why do you serve if you don't want to serve?

Judy LeMarr
Resident since 1957

Lane, Benjamin

From: M. A. Glemser <maglemsr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 27, 2025 8:26 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.

This really makes me feel alienated from the people I helped elect, and unable to have an open dialogue with them. This is not conducive to transparency and frankly makes me wonder if I made a mistake with my vote.

Melanie Glemser
Concerned Scottsdale resident

Lane, Benjamin

From: JILL KANALOS <jillk100@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, November 28, 2025 10:42 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Stop Censorship: No on Resolution 13568

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Oppose Resolution 13568. Do not strip the residents of their right to speak to Council.
These types of rules are just a continuation of government to try to stifle the public's right to free speech and the Council's ability to hear opposing viewpoints.
I fear that with Scottsdale's recent votes the city is moving toward the direction of authoritarianism.
Please vote no!

Thank you

Jill Kanalos

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jim Bloch <jgbloch@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 28, 2025 7:39 PM
To: City Council; Adam Bloch
Subject: Rule of Council Procedure

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From afar, I have read your newest and not your best effort at being resident friendly, much closer to your worst! When does it end? When will you start to listen to and hear your constituents? When will you be the resident friendly representatives on which you campaigned?

Jim Bloch

Lane, Benjamin

From: dl <dl@centurylink.net>
Sent: Friday, November 28, 2025 8:27 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Restricting Public Comment

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I object and protest the city councils plan to change and restrict public comment guideline at council meetings. The current time allotted is too short and having to wait until the end of the meetings is burdensome to citizens. In fact, we should be allowed to respond to councils comments after our initial talk time is up. We often need to use the technology in the room to present and limiting its use prevents us from making our statements. This equipment is funded by the taxpayers.

Dan Lundberg

Lane, Benjamin

From: Michal A Joyner <michaljoyner@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 29, 2025 9:37 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Rules of Council Procedures

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Letter to City Council and Mayor

I want to enthusiastically support the brilliantly written statement written by City Attorney, Luis Santaella. Sadly, the Mayor chose to disparage this Rules of Council Procedure publicly. This recommendation does not take away anyone's right to speak, but it does add civility to the meetings. This would never have even been deemed necessary had 3 individuals not stood up at every single meeting this year and threatened, disparaged and repeated their same gripes. I always knew what they were going to rant about as soon as they approached the microphone. It's been a pathetic situation. Now I've heard that the Mayor has added one of these despicable individuals to her "team". Frankly, I would never allow one of my children to behave as these individuals have, and I doubt any of you would either!

Several cities have moved public rants to the end of their meeting. This pays respect for those who take their time to attend the council meetings. I know you all read your email communications so the argument that this action will take away a citizens right to be heard doesn't hold water.

Every single recommendation that Mr. Santaella recommended will ensure a much smoother and civil meeting. It also adds accountability to the Mayor to ensure that her position is "covered" in her absence. She should be embarrassed that such a rule needs to be made. In my 50 years of employment, I was always required to notify my boss if I would be absent or unable to show up at an event where I was scheduled to speak. This requirement is simply common courtesy and common sense.

I urge all of you to vote yes on this recommendation. It merely adds civility back to the City.

Michal Joyner
11216 E Dale Lane
Scottsdale, Az 85262
Sent from my iPad

Lane, Benjamin

From: Gabrielle Hitchcock <gablet89@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 29, 2025 12:35 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Protecting Public Participation

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Dear Council Members,

I'm concerned that the proposed procedural changes make it harder for residents to participate in our city government. Public comment is being moved to the end of meetings, cut from 3 minutes to 2, and residents can no longer use visuals to support their remarks. Petitions now require 14 days' notice, adding barriers where none existed before.

While residents can still speak for 3 minutes on agenda items, the overall effect of these changes is to restrict access and reduce transparency. Shifting powers away from the mayor also limits her ability to encourage civic engagement.

At a time when our community is eager to be involved, these rules send the wrong message. I urge you to reconsider those changes and adopt policies that expand—not restrict—public participation.

Thank you for listening to the voices of your constituents.

Sincerely,
Gabby and Eric Hitchcock

Lane, Benjamin

From: Caryn HITE <hitefamily@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 29, 2025 6:42 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Restriction

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The proposed restrictions seem very politically biased to YOU the council. It's so disconcerting to hear of the 'considerations' the council is personally taking as part of the job but advancing restrictions from those that count on you to represent the best interests of the cit and the people. Please say NO to the restrictions. Allow your community to weigh in along with you.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jean Miyake <jean.miyake@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 30, 2025 9:05 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Resolution 13568

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Your proposed changes will reduce public comment on public business. You've already made up your minds that letting a person speak his or her piece is not in your best interest. So open discussion and freedom to express viewpoints is out the window?.

Which among you are gung ho to limit the public's opinions?

Jean Miyake

Lane, Benjamin

From: Jan Perozeni <jpzenizeni@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 30, 2025 10:54 AM
To: City Council; Whitehead, Solange; Littlefield, Kathy; McAllen, Maryann; Barry Graham; Dubauskas, Jan
Subject: Resolution 13568

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A cornerstone in Democracy is participation by the voters; hearing the voices from those who have a stake in the process.

Those elected to an office have a responsibility to hear those voices.

This current City Council have made it clear that they do not want to hear the voices of the voters in Scottsdale.

The current proposed changes regarding limiting the time for public comments and moving public comment for non-agendized items to the end of the meeting ultimately reduces the amount of public input and the number of residents able and willing to speak.

Do not deal with this proposed resolution behind closed doors. I want to see which City Council members will vote "yes" on limiting our right to speak, whether we agree with each other or not.

I do not approve of decreasing the amount of public input for any City Council item. We voters have right to speak.

Thank you.

Jan Perozeni Corbus
Scottsdale, AZ 85262

Lane, Benjamin

From: William Powell <wrpowell58@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 30, 2025 8:13 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Public Comments

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I urge you to not limit in any way the voice of the people in Scottsdale. It would be an affront to democracy.

Sent from my iPad

Lane, Benjamin

From: A Grizzell <austin.grizzell@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 30, 2025 2:02 PM
To: City Council
Subject: No on Resolution 13568

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Hello,

I oppose Resolution 13568. The misdirection behind this resolution is alarming. This feels like it could be intentionally harmful to the community. Please keep our opportunity to speak to council as it is.

Thank you for supporting residents.

Best wishes,

Austin Grizzell

Lane, Benjamin

From: Michele Caporali <mlc8908@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 30, 2025 4:45 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Reference: 12/2/25 Item #16.

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To whom it may concern,

I am seriously disappointed that I even have to write this opposition email to these proposed changes, but here we are.

You are elected officials whose job is to listen to the concerns of the community's citizens, and your changes fundamentally go against that. You are limiting democracy at its core: the need for people to be heard and represented. I can only hope that you understand this goes against the foundation of this country and realize this is a mistake.

I implore you to vote in opposition to this, and I am strongly opposed.

Michele Caporali
4235 N 86th Pl, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Lane, Benjamin

From: Harry Goldenberg <hgoldenberg1911@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 30, 2025 5:23 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Vote No

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Vote no on reducing comments and vote no on the Charlie Kirk memorial!

Sent from my iPhone