

Year One of Public Comment

at Cleveland City Council

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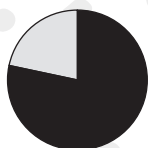
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About a year ago, Cleveland City Council started allowing residents to make public comments during regular council meetings. **It was the first time in 90 years.**

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

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

80%



of all spoken comments came from Cleveland residents

*the remaining commenters represent 22 other cities.

22

Cleveland neighborhoods represented

55+

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

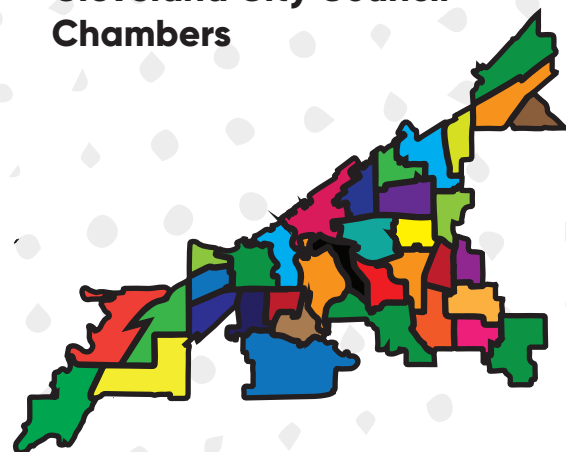


48

written public comments submitted via council's website

183

comments shared in Cleveland City Council Chambers



90+

Unique topics discussed