

Turning Communication Into Action

From Emails to Amendments

Keeping Folks in the Loop: Emails over Social Media

- The Agenda Team Maintains an Email Distribution List
 - Final agendas
 - Addendum items
 - Anyone can request
- Drawbacks to Social Media
 - Staff time for content creation
 - Staff time to reply to comments
 - Cost of subscription software to capture comments and content as records
 - Governments direct residents to official websites for reliable information not social media

Channels of Communication





Emails



Formstack

Written comments are emailed and submitted as AIMs into packets and become permanent records

Request to be called during testimony



Briefings at Worksessions and Committee Meetings

Attend in-person Livestreamed



Testify at Public Hearings or Appearance Requests





CONTACT MEMBERS

WATCH MEETINGS

From Chugiak to Girdwood, every neighborhood in the Municipality of Anchorage is represented on the Anchorage Assembly. With

Accessing Formstack

Formstack – Public Testimony Form



Anchorage Assembly Public Testimony Form

HOW TO TESTIFY: Please complete this form to submit written testimony, or to request to provide testimony over the phone during an Assembly meeting. There is no sign-up list for in-person testimony – the Chair invites the public to speak on a first come basis during meetings.

Written testimony: The Assembly encourages anyone wishing to provide testimony or comments on agenda items to submit written comments via this form. Please tell us which agenda item you are providing testimony for (Example: 13.A. Ordinance No. AO 2020-15). Written testimony submitted by 5 p.m. Thursday preceding the meeting will be included in the public testimony for that meeting. Written testimony submitted after that deadline, or for a special meeting date not listed in the drop-down menu, will be available to Assembly Members at the time it is submitted, and incorporated as part of the official record at a future meeting.

Phone testimony: If you wish to provide testimony on the phone, submit this form by 5 p.m. the day before the meeting. When the Assembly reaches your agenda item, the Clerk will phone you at the number you have provided. You will have 3 minutes to provide testimony for each item you wish to speak.

Examples: Turning Communication Into Action

- AO 2024-105 Proposed Sales Tax
- AO 2025-74 Camping in Public Spaces
- AR 2025-24(S-1) Marijuana License Renewal for AlaskaSense
- AR 2025-246 Premise Modification at the PAC

The Ask:

Rather than using National Civic League's standard problem statement and surveys, collaborate with the Clerk's Office and Legislative Services to rewrite them in an educational format that guides participants to available resources.

