

**Discussion and Adoption of  
Resolution No. 380 Amending  
the Council Rules of Procedure  
Relating to Public Comment**

December 14, 2015



# Background

- Council Rules adopted by Resolution.
- Amended multiple times, most recently in 2014.
- Mayor requested to consider amendment to rules regarding public testimony (Section 6 of Council Rules).
- Rule change initially discussed at 2015 Council Workshop.

# Proposed Changes

- Res. No. 380 eliminates rule where public commenters are allowed five minutes to speak if representing the official position of a State registered non-profit organization or agency or a City-recognized organization.
- Res. No. 380 also allows for more people from the same organization to provide public comment on the official position of the organization; currently not allowed.
- Also provides for a couple of 'clean up' changes in Section 6.

# Proposed Changes

- Amendments standardize the public comment time limit for individuals and individuals representing groups, regardless of type, to three minutes
- This standardization is recommended by the City Attorney.

# Recommendation

- Staff Recommends that Council adopt proposed Resolution No. 380.



# Discussion and Adoption Process

- As Res. No. 380 is an action item that is before the Council for the first time, Council will take public comment following this staff presentation and before Council discussion.

