

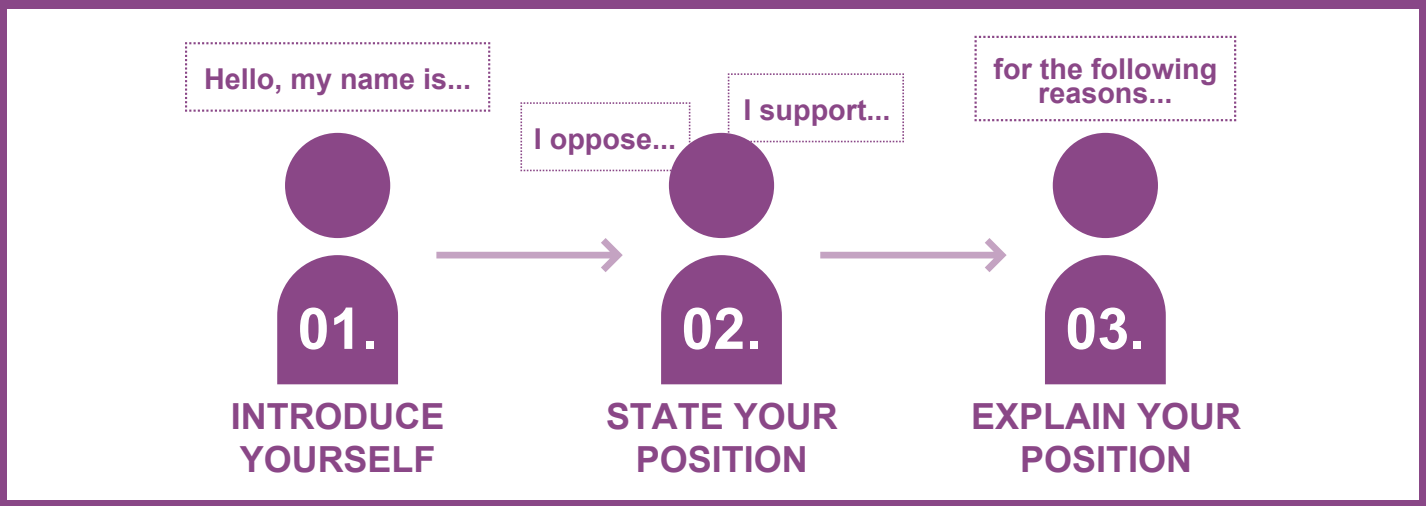
# Testifying at Public Hearings

Public hearings are an integral part of both the Uniform Land Use Review Process (ULURP) and the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR), and anyone can testify at them. These hearings provide community members with the opportunity to influence the outcome of land use applications and, consequently, development activity in their neighborhoods.

As part of ULURP, public hearings are held by Community Boards, the City Planning Commission, the City Council, and sometimes the Borough Presidents. As part of CEQR, the Department of City Planning (or other lead agency) holds public hearings throughout the process. Each entity must publish the dates for hearings and instructions for participating on their website, but generally, attendees should be prepared to arrive early and stay late.

Community members are typically given three minutes each to testify, but time may be limited. It is good practice to bring printed copies of verbal comments to refer to and share with others at the meeting. When testifying, it is best to speak slowly and clearly, beginning with the most important points in case the time limit runs out before the entire testimony is read. Speakers should also be prepared to answer questions about their testimony from the panel, which may include elected officials, City agencies, or representatives of the project being reviewed.

## How to Testify at Public Hearings



A citywide list of upcoming public hearings can be found at the following links:

- City Planning Commission: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/planning/about/commission-meetings.page>
- City Council: <https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/Calendar.aspx>
- Landmarks Preservation Committee: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/lpc/hearings/hearings.page>
- Community Boards: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/cau/community-boards/community-boards.page>
- Other citywide agencies: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/nycengage/events/index.page>