



# REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

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## PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

All meetings of the Redevelopment Authority of Montgomery County (“Authority”) Board of Directors are open to the public and public comment is welcome as it pertains to Authority business. A public comment period is offered at the start of each meeting.

In the interest of completing Authority business in a timely manner and hearing all public comment as it relates to Authority business, the following guidelines are in place for public comment periods:

### **Guidelines**

- If the meeting is held in person, speakers should identify themselves on the provided sign-in sheet, if applicable. If the meeting is held virtually, speakers should announce themselves upon entering the meeting.
- Speakers should identify themselves by name and municipality and/or business.
- All public comments must be relevant, or “germane,” to Authority business. Under the law, this means that the subject matter of all comments must be limited to items or issues which are currently before the Board for consideration or which may come before the Board for consideration at a future meeting. Whether a matter is germane to Authority business is a determination to be made by the Authority Solicitor.
- Speakers are allotted three (3) minutes for comments. Time limits will be monitored and Authority staff will respectfully request speakers to conclude their comments if the speaker goes beyond the time allotted.
- The Authority is not required to respond to public comments during the course of the meeting, so the public is reminded that it is not an opportunity for dialogue or Q&A.
- Disruptive behavior, including but not limited to yelling, arguing whether a matter is germane to Authority business once the Solicitor has made a determination on such, or refusing to yield the floor once time has elapsed, shall be grounds for removal from the meeting (or being muted if the speaker is virtual).