

New Section

10. j. At the discretion of the Commission, if they determined that there is high interest in an issue and therefore a hearing is expected to have high attendance, they may decide to use this alternative to using a sign up sheet for speakers:

- I. No more than one-half hour before the announced start of the meeting in which the hearing will be held, the Commission shall make available random numbers that may be drawn by members of the public who wish to speak at the hearing.
 - II. The method of random numbers shall be slips of paper numbered 1-100, or similar method.
 - III. Individuals may only draw one number, but may trade or give away their number to someone else.
 - IV. The public will be called in number order to speak at the hearing.
 - V. Speakers will print their name on a speak list when they approach the podium to speak, for a record of speakers' names for the minutes.
 - VI. Once all speakers with numbers who wish to speak have spoken, the chair may allow additional people to speak.
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Rationale: The usual method for speaker sign up is to sign a sheet, and speakers are called in order of sign up. In cases where there is high interest in an issue, one or both "sides" of an issue may urge their supporters to show up 1 to 2 hours early in order to get signed in first. This makes for a really long evening even longer. If one side is organized and the other just shows up at the regular time, the speakers may be unrepresentative of the opinions in the room. Drawing random numbers gives everyone a fair chance to speak without having to show up very early.