



June 29, 2020

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ADVISORY REGARDING OFFERING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT COUNTY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

Beginning with the Work Session on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, the County Council will be offering persons the opportunity to provide live testimony at Work Sessions going forward. Previously, the Council had been receiving public comment on matters pending before the Council via email and regular mail.

However, we have reached a point where we have better capabilities with the County's WebEx video teleconferencing, as evidenced by the live testimony that occurred for the seven CZMP hearings that took place during the month of June. In those hearings, we were able to have persons testify live on the video teleconference with very few technological "glitches" or mishaps.

As a result, the Council is now offering persons the opportunity to provide live testimony at the Work Sessions. Please check the Council's Virtual Sessions and Hearings page on our website at <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/virtualmeetings.html> for additional details. The procedure will be very similar to the CZMP hearings, where persons will need to register to testify with the Council office on the date of the Work Session via email at countycouncil@baltimorecountymd.gov. They will also need an internet-capable device so they can join the virtual meeting and be recognized on the video teleconference and have their microphone unmuted to provide their testimony. Although County Government is still operating somewhat differently during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council is excited to provide this opportunity during the period of virtual Work Sessions and Legislative Sessions, and looks forward to hearing live testimony directly from our constituents on matters that are important to them.