

Agora and a public voice between elections

Agora will give residents a practical way to shape decisions between elections. I will publish how community input influenced my vote and explain any departure from it.

WHAT I WILL BRING FORWARD

- Provide proposal writing, source-linked discussion, amendments and advisory voting on matters before Council. Explain costs, alternatives and who is affected.
- Offer assisted participation at community locations and through non-digital channels. Use proportionate identity checks to limit duplicate voting without excluding people who lack a smartphone.
- Publish participation, eligibility rules, moderation decisions, material conflicts and minority arguments. Distinguish open feedback from a verified-resident poll.
- Use the City Servant guide to help residents understand and draft arguments in their own voice, with visible sources and a chance to correct errors.

Delivery. Begin with a tested civic pilot and a public rules charter. Show platform readiness honestly; beta software is not an official voting system. Keep campaign operations separate from any future City service.

Public measures. Track representative reach, accessibility, duplicate-account controls, moderation appeals and whether Council responses address proposals.

Conditions. Agora votes are advisory and cannot replace statutory hearings or lawful Council discretion. No benefit for voting, supporting a candidate or proving turnout. Any future participation incentive must be nonpartisan and separately reviewed. Do not link incentives to the election.

Connects to: 09, 18, 23, 25, 26, 27

Evidence notes: S01, S09, S12 in the full policy package.