



## **TIPS FOR MAKING AN IMPACT WITH LEGISLATORS**

**Be:** Part of rule/law making process by understanding how rules are made and where in the process your voice will make most impact

**Build Trust:** Especially with council members and staff; Become an insider by reporting facts and figures; Offer solutions; Be willing to listen and learn; Don't take it personally or get discouraged

**Engage:** Go beyond signing petitions by calling & emailing & in-person meetings; Make sure to identify any connections you have with the elected official ( including if you are a constituent of theirs, or if you have any other mutual acquaintances); Be courteous and clear; Be professional; Be Respectful

**Maximize:** Plan out your remarks. Be specific; Ask for action; Share your personal story on why you support or oppose a certain proposal

**Follow up:** Write a thank you note for time and consideration; Give credit when they support your efforts; Remember to Vote



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