



Ten Things to Ask a City Council Member

1. How did you decide to run for election to city council?
2. What was your experience like in getting elected to council?
3. How much does the opinion of others influence your council decisions, including your constituents, other council members, the Mayor, and the city manager?
4. What is the greatest challenge for holding public office in this community? What is the greatest benefit?
5. How does a proposal get on the agenda to become an ordinance in this city?
6. Are there any ordinances before the current council that might directly or indirectly affect the youth in this community?
7. How did you come to be concerned about our policy issue?
8. Do you have any advice on how we might respond to the concerns of council members who may oppose our proposal?
9. What do we need to know about speaking about our issue at a council meeting?
10. How can youth like us become more involved in working with the government and council?

Determine Decision Makers: *Guest Speaker* - Council Member

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