Easy Read Edition

Sharing Your Story For A Political Purpose

Words to Know
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Biased

When people talk about the news in sneaky ways.

Elected

Chosen by everyday people like you and me

Elected Officials

People who get elected to work in the government
General Meeting

A Town Hall where you can ask about anything.

Hearings

Meetings to talk about laws that might get passed.

Legislative testimony

When you speak in front of legislators about a policy.
Legislators

A group of people who vote to make laws. Legislators are usually elected officials.

Letter to the Editor

A kind of written news story that shares the opinions of everyday people who don’t work in the news.

Online Petitions

Petitions that get made and sent over the internet.
Op-ed

Another kind of written news story that shares the opinions of everyday people. It is like a letter to the editor. But it is longer and not written as a letter.

Policies

Rules and laws the government makes

Paper Petitions

Petitions that get written on a piece of paper.
Petition

A written form that people sign. Petitions ask a target to do something.

Public Comments

Ideas that people send to the government about what regulations should get made.

Public Comment Periods

The time that people can make public comments.
Regulations

Decisions that give the details about how a law will work.

Specific Meeting

A Town Hall to talk about one thing.

Target

A person or group with the power to make changes.
Town Hall Meeting

A meeting that is open to everyone. People can come and ask questions about a problem or policy.