



Legislator Town Halls: Information for Advocates

Town halls are public meetings lawmakers host in their districts to hear from constituents and share updates on their work.

Participating in a town hall is a great way to advocate for kids. It allows you to build a relationship with your legislator, learn about their priorities, and raise issues that are important to you and to kids and families.

Frequently asked questions about town hall meetings:

1. What is the format of a town hall?

The format varies. It's up to the legislator or legislators hosting the event. Most begin with a short presentation and updates from the lawmakers, and then provide time for questions and dialogue. Town halls can be held in person, or via telephone. Some in-person town halls are very informal and allow attendees to raise their hand and ask questions. Others ask that participants write questions down on a notecard, and the lawmakers decide which questions to answer.

2. Do all legislators hold town halls?

No. It's completely up to the individual legislator. Most do, but not all. Sometimes state legislators from the same district hold town halls together.

3. Do I have to be a registered voter to attend a town hall?

No. Anyone can attend a town hall event, regardless of whether you are eligible to vote or registered to vote, and regardless of immigration status.

4. How do I find out about town hall meetings?

There is no one location that lists all the town hall meetings. To find out if your legislator will hold a town hall, contact their office or visit their website.