Citizens Petition:

We, the undersigned residents and/or business owners of Scottsdale, petition the Scottsdale City Council to open the Council Meetings to the residents and business owners and <u>restore in-person Public Comment</u>.

<u>It is our First Amendment Right of Assembly and Freedom of Speech</u> to participate in the public discourse regarding important decisions made by our City officials such as Major Rezoning Cases which significantly affect the voters and businesses of Scottsdale.

The current virtual option of dialing in to make a public comment does not carry the same weight as in-person commenting, and the use of technology such as online registration well in advance of meetings creates a barrier and discourages participation. The current approach also does not allow face to face contact between us and our elected representatives and staff.

The majority of businesses in Scottsdale are now open and have been for months to allow the Public in, but our City Hall remains closed for in-person Public Comment. The City can effectively address any remaining Health and Safety concerns as other Valley Cities have done to allow in-person Public Comment.

Date	Printed Name	Signature	Street Address (residence or business)