

MEETING AGENDA
Refuse Rate Board
July 24, 2023
Hearing Room 408, City Hall
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Members
Carmen Chu
Dennis Herrera

Members of the Refuse Rate Board will attend this meeting in-person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or [watch live on SFGovTV](#).

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Members of the public attending the meeting in person will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every item. Refuse Rate Board will hear up to twenty (20) minutes of remote public comment on each agenda item. Because of the twenty (20) minute time limit, it is possible that not every person in the queue will have an opportunity to provide remote public comment. Remote public comment from people who have received an accommodation due to a disability will not count toward the 20-minute limit.

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Access Code: 2590 507 4311

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1) **Call to Order**

- Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

- Roll call and confirmation of quorum
- Vote to excuse current or future absences.

2) Code of Conduct

Discussion and possible action to adopt an order memorializing the Refuse Rate Board's approval of a code of conduct on June 12, 2023, as required by Proposition F.

- Presentation from the Office of the Refuse Rate Administrator
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion and vote

3) Rate Order for Rate Year 2024 and 2025

Discussion and possible action to adopt a rate for Rate Year 2024 and Rate Year 2025.

- Presentation from the Office of the Refuse Rate Administrator
- Presentation by any members of the public who wish to speak on their protests
- Tabulation of protest votes under Proposition 218
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion and vote

4) New Matters

Opportunity to propose future agenda items with discussion and possible action by the Board

- Public Comment
- Board Discussion

5) General Public Comment

Opportunity for the public to comment on any matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.

6) **Adjourn**

Committee staff and members can be reached at con.refuserates@sfgov.org

Explanatory Documents

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