



## **Speak Up Brevard: Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is Speak Up Brevard?**

Speak Up Brevard is an annual charter process that allows residents to submit recommendations to Brevard county government. Created through a charter amendment, this program gives residents a direct way to share ideas that could help the county add efficiency and effectiveness to their current operations.

Here is a link to the 2.9.10 charter requirement:

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/CountyCommission/CountyCharter/Articles1-2>

### **When can I submit my ideas?**

The next submission window opens January 1, 2026 and closes January 31, 2026. The online form opens on January 1<sup>st</sup>. It is recommended to compile your ideas now and submit them when the portal opens on January 1st., 2026. Attachments can be added only at the time the submission is placed.

### **How do I submit a recommendation?**

Visit the Speak Up Brevard website at <https://sites.brevardcounty.us/SpeakUpBrevard/> when the form is available (starting January 1, 2026). You can submit your recommendation through the web-based application.

### **Can I review past submissions?**

Yes. View past submissions using the search window available here:

<https://sites.brevardcounty.us/SpeakUpBrevard/Search>

### **Can I change/edit my ideas once they are submitted?**

The county currently does not have a mechanism to allow changes to be made after the submission period. Staff reviews the submissions "as-submitted" once the submission window closes.

### **What kinds of ideas can I submit?**

You can suggest recommendations that would help Brevard County government increase effectiveness and efficiency.

These may include ways to:

- Conserve energy
- Save costs
- Eliminate duplication
- Generate revenue
- Increase productivity
- Prevent waste

### **What is Speak Up Brevard not?**

Speak Up Brevard is not a mechanism to submit citizen service claims that can be relayed to the county through other means (ex. Public Works service request, Missed trash pick-up). Citizen requests deemed to be service requests will be categorized as “Recommend to Reject” by the County Manager’s office.

### **What happens after I submit my recommendation?**

Here's the timeline:

1. You submit your recommendation through the Speak Up Brevard portal between January 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>;
2. County Manager manages the staff review process (by April 30th): The County Manager's Office evaluates and comments on your recommendation, which is then submitted to the commissioners for their consideration;
3. Submitters are notified at least one week before your recommendation is heard and voted on by the Board;
4. Board of County Commissioners review the citizen submissions between April 30<sup>th</sup> and the second May meeting (Date TBD): The Board votes to approve, reject, or to accept your recommendation with revisions.

### **Can I provide my proposal directly to the Commissioners via a live presentation?**

**Yes! You can provide your recommendation through the following means:**

1. Attend and present at the Speak Up Brevard Board of Commissioners meeting where the vote occurs
2. Attend and present at any County Commission meeting under non-agenda public comments
3. Attend and present at a County Commission Workshop. Note that while a workshop was offered in March 2025, the BOCC has not yet weighed in on a special Speak Up Brevard workshop for 2026. Citizen suggestion: Contact your commissioner to request this

special workshop in 2026!

## **How can I see what recommendations have been submitted in previous cycles?**

You can search all recommendations submitted this year and in previous years. [Click here to search recommendations.](#)

## **Where can I find county staff analysis and recommendations from prior cycles?**

The County Manager's Office provides detailed staff analysis and recommendations. [Click here to view the 2025 staff analysis and recommendations.](#)

## **What if my recommendation is similar to other residents recommendations?**

It can be helpful for county staff review if residents that share a similar recommendation present their recommendation as a group, and with an appropriate amount of detail included. Organizations may also present their ideas, and which citizens can support these organizations ideas by letting their commissioners know and attending the relevant meetings where Speak Up Brevard is discussed.

## **Can I reach out to my Commissioner outside of the submission window?**

Absolutely! Commissioner Katie Delaney encourages residents to share suggestions and ideas throughout the year with herself and the other commissioners. The formal Speak Up Brevard process is just one way to engage with the commissioner's—you can always contact your commissioner's office directly to discuss your ideas and/or bring your ideas to one of the bi-monthly meetings and speak under non-agenda public comments.

## **Questions?**

Contact Commissioner Katie Delaney's office at [D1.commissioner@brevardfl.gov](mailto:D1.commissioner@brevardfl.gov) or visit <https://sites.brevardcounty.us/SpeakUpBrevard/> for more information.