Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council

PCAC Plans Meeting Topics for 2024-25

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When the Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council (PCAC) periodically brainstorms meeting topics for the next year, there is never a lack of suggestions. Recently, with a need for another topic for 2024 and 7 additional topics for 2025, small-group discussion generated 20 suggestions from PCAC community members, managers of the 18 PCAC plants, and visitors. They considered their own ideas, issues they hear about in the community and in the news, subjects PCAC has addressed over the past 5 years, other CACs' topics, and issues about which industry wants the community to be aware. Narrowing down the options is never easy, but it is fun!

After brainstorming, the 20 topics were posted on large sheets of paper, and everyone was given sticky dots to "spend" on subjects they most wanted to learn about in the coming year. Different dot colors represented community and plant attendees. Working from the topics that received the most dots (or points) from community members, a committee will draft a Program Plan, which the membership will review and adopt. The plan will then guide what goes on PCAC's agendas.

The top community interest was flaring at plants, emphasizing the causes, effects, and mitigations. Gaining support from both community and plant representatives was workforce development with a focus on collaboration between local education, facilities, and plants. Third on the list was plant security with a focus on protocols, cybersecurity, and fence line concerns.

PCAC meetings are open, and visitors welcome. Whether you are curious or concerned about industry, come to a meeting to learn more about the 18 plants in Pasadena and to share any concerns about their performance in PCAC's forum for constructive dialogue between community and industry. See the home page for meeting dates and upcoming topics.