

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned constituent to express my extreme disappointment with the hostile environment that exists within council chambers at every meeting. I am discouraged by the language and conduct that is allowed to occur at these meetings that frequently evolve into chaos and disorder.

As leaders of the community, it is the duty of this council to lead by example and cultivate a space that encourages participation that is generative to the empowerment and benefit of our city, not detrimental to it. Unfortunately, what occurs instead is the platforming of hateful, divisive, and disrespectful rhetoric that discourages participation and wastes the time of those of us who attend these meetings.

I urge the members of this council to take action by setting clear and enforceable expectations for all participants that encourage civic participation in a way that is productive and problem-serving. We deserve a space and forum where we can hold leadership accountable, voice our concerns for the community, and engage in a political dialogue without disrespect and hate. Please do your job and take the steps so that these meetings meet their purpose.

Sincerely,

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