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**Subject: A Call for Respect and Civility in Council Meetings**

Dear City Council,

I care deeply about our community and want to be more engaged, but attending Council Meetings has become increasingly discouraging. The disrespectful language and disruptive behavior I've seen make it hard to focus on the real issues we should be addressing together.

These meetings should foster open dialogue and solutions, not hostility and division. If we want real civic engagement, we need to create an environment where everyone feels safe and empowered to participate.

I respectfully urge you and the Council to establish and enforce guidelines for civil, productive discussions. Our community is stronger when we work together, and I hope we can move toward meetings that reflect the values we all deserve.

Sincerely,

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