

Dear Council Chambers,

I am writing as a concerned citizen and staff member of Community Coalition to express deep concern over the offensive and threatening language used by the gentlemen with the puppets and little white dog, during the open comments portion of recent City Council meetings. The language and behavior displayed have not only been deeply offensive to members of our coalition but have also created an environment of intimidation and fear, deterring civic engagement and public participation.

City Council Chambers should be a space for meaningful dialogue, problem-solving, and collective action—not a platform for hate speech, harassment, or personal attacks. The repeated use of harmful rhetoric has made it clear that stronger measures must be taken to protect community members and ensure a respectful and inclusive space for all.

We urge the Council to take immediate action to establish and enforce clear guidelines for public conduct, including barring individuals who engage in persistent harassment and hate speech. No one should have to choose between civic participation and their personal safety.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to your response on how the Council plans to address these ongoing concerns.

Sincerely,
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