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Dear Council Members,

Brotherhood Crusade is a 57-year-old grassroots organization that envisions improving the quality of life and meeting the unmet needs of low-income, underserved, and underrepresented communities.

As an organization, we rely on participating in council meetings to stay abreast with various city policies and update information without the abrupt disturbances from many of the attendees, whose abruptness often prevents constructive dialogue. Furthermore, many of our youth listen to the Council Meetings on YouTube as part of their youth development as a guide for our Youth Council at Brotherhood Crusade. Unfortunately, the hateful and offensive language minimizes their engagement because it does not contribute to meaningful dialogue or the learning opportunity that can present itself.

In closing, public meetings should prioritize constructive and meaningful engagement, and this type of behavior must not be normalized in any public forum. Council Chambers should be a space where all participants feel safe and where respectful dialogue is the standard. We strongly urge Councilmembers to establish and enforce clear standards to restore order and ensure a productive environment for public discourse.

Sincerely,

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