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Subject: Concerned Citizen Requesting Improved Conduct in Council Meetings

Dear Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned citizen who wishes to be more civically engaged but has found myself increasingly discouraged by the conduct observed in recent Council meetings. The behavior on display—ranging from hate speech to disruptive actions—has created an atmosphere of hostility that not only discourages participation but also undermines the very purpose of these public forums.

Instead of fostering meaningful dialogue and problem-solving, time is often wasted on chaos and disrespect. I find myself asking: How much longer must we endure this? The Council Chambers are meant to be a space for the voices of the people to be heard, where time is used productively to address the issues that matter most. This should be a place where everyone feels welcome, not where conflict and intimidation dominate the conversation.

I urge you to take immediate action to ensure that clear expectations for respectful dialogue and professional conduct are set and enforced. Our community deserves a public forum that reflects the values of civility and inclusivity, where all voices can be heard in a safe and constructive manner.

We, the people, deserve better.

Sincerely,

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