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Dear Councilmembers,

Advocates for Peace and Urban Unity (APUU) is committed to promoting community harmony and advancing strategies to reduce gun violence, and we are deeply concerned about the increasing use of foul and disgusting language and disruptive behavior during the Council Meetings.

Public meetings should be a place where people talk and work together to solve problems. But when people use mean, rude, or angry words, it makes it harder for everyone to listen and work as a team. Our group needs to speak at these meetings to share ideas and help our community, but sometimes we hear hurtful words that cause arguments instead of helping fix problems. Instead of bringing people together, this kind of language creates more fights and makes it harder to have a fair and respectful discussion.

We urge the Council to establish and enforce clear standards that promote a constructive and professional atmosphere. Ensuring civility in public discourse is not about limiting free speech; it is about upholding the shared responsibility to engage in discussions that are productive, inclusive, and free from unnecessary hostility.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to seeing measures put in place to maintain a respectable and effective environment for public participation.

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