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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen who wants to engage more actively in civic matters, but I am disheartened by the language and behavior displayed during Council Meetings. The conduct I've witnessed—ranging from hate speech to disruptive actions—creates a toxic atmosphere that discourages participation and undermines the purpose of these gatherings. Instead of fostering constructive dialogue and problem-solving, valuable time is wasted on chaos and disrespect.

Council Chambers should be a place where voices are heard and time is respected. This space belongs to the people, and we deserve better.

I strongly urge Councilmembers to take action by establishing and upholding clear standards for respectful dialogue and professional behavior. Our community deserves a public forum where everyone can contribute freely, without fear of hostility or intimidation.

Sincerely,

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