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Dear Council District 9

As an organization dedicated to, we help all people realize their full potential through relevant programs and services that have an impact that is deep, resulting in a change in the way they see themselves and the world; broad, extending beyond individuals to their families and communities; and long-lasting, outlasting the time spent with us, we are writing to express our concern about the inappropriate language and behavior that continues to take place during Council Meetings.

Our organization relies on being able to provide public comment or advocate during Council meetings and our members are exposed to hateful language. Vulgar and offensive language does not contribute to resolving the issues at hand. 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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