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Dear Council Members,

As a school counselor, I teach students the importance of respectful dialogue and problem-solving—values that should also be reflected in our public meetings. Unfortunately, the hostility and disruptive behavior I have witnessed at Council Meetings create an unwelcoming environment that discourages civic engagement. Instead of constructive discussions, meetings often devolve into disorder, preventing real progress.

Council Chambers should be a space where all voices are heard, not silenced by intimidation or chaos. When meetings are filled with disrespect, community members—especially young people learning about civic participation—feel discouraged from getting involved. We need leadership that sets the tone for productive and inclusive discussions.

I urge you to establish and enforce clear expectations for respectful conduct in Council Meetings. Our community deserves a public forum where all residents feel safe, valued, and empowered to contribute. Let's work together to ensure that Council Chambers truly serve as a space where meaningful conversations lead to meaningful change.

Sincerely,

Samantha Bernabé

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