

March 22, 2022

TO: Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee (EHRAC)

FROM: Ad Hoc Civil Discourse Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Report on Draft Recommended Civil Discourse Guidelines for the City of Culver City

BACKGROUND:

On December 4, 2021, the EHRAC held a Civil Discourse Workshop for members of the EHRAC, City staff and members of the public. The purpose of the Workshop was to train participants in Civil Discourse and to begin to create recommended civil discourse guidelines for the City of Culver City. The Workshop was facilitated by the Institute for Civility in Government (ICG).

Based on guideline suggestions submitted by the Workshop participants, and guideline recommendations submitted by the ICG in their workshop facilitation final report, which is also attached, the EHRAC's Ad Hoc Civil Discourse Subcommittee prepared the attached draft Recommended Civil Discourse Guidelines for the City of Culver City.

STEPS TO APPROVE AND IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDED CIVIL DISCOURSE GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY OF CULVER CITY:

To approve and implement Recommended Civil Discourse Guidelines for the City of Culver City, the Ad Hoc Civil Discourse Subcommittee recommends the following steps:

1. The EHRAC will review, discuss and revise as appropriate the attached Draft Recommended Civil Discourse Guidelines for the City of Culver City at this EHRAC meeting.
2. The EHRAC will authorize the attached draft Civil Discourse Guidelines, as appropriately revised by the EHRAC, to be distributed by City staff to all City Boards, Commissions and Committees and the public, inviting all to participate at the next EHRAC meeting to submit additional comments and suggestions for possible further Guideline revision.
3. The Ad Hoc Civil Discourse Subcommittee will review and consider any additional comments and suggestions for possible further Guideline revision and submit final Recommended Civil Discourse Guidelines and an implementation plan to the EHRAC for its consideration and approval at the second next full EHRAC meeting subsequent to the meeting referred to in step #2.
4. The EHRAC discuss and approve a schedule incorporating the two meetings described above.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE EHRAC AT THIS TIME:

Take actions #1, #2, and #4, as set forth above.

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