

RESOLUTION NO. 4035-2017

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING USE OF "TOOLS OF CIVILITY" TO ENHANCE PUBLIC DEBATE AT CITY MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Fort Bragg place a high value on respect and civility in their lives and they understand that these characteristics are essential to any healthy community; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg City Council supports opportunities for civil discourse and discussion in the community and at City meetings, including meetings of the City Council, the Planning Commission, Council Committees and other special workshops and forums; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg City Council often addresses controversial issues about which people feel passionately and which at times can lead to uncivil and disrespectful behavior at public meetings; and

WHEREAS, an atmosphere of incivility and disrespect can have a damaging effect on the proceedings, on the quality of debate, and on the practice of democracy itself;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby support the use of the following "tools of civility" to enhance public debate at City meetings:

1. Pay attention.
2. Listen.
3. Be inclusive.
4. Don't gossip.
5. Show respect.
6. Apologize.
7. Give constructive criticism.
8. Take responsibility.
9. Tell the truth as you know it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fort Bragg City Council shall promote the use and adherence to these tools in conducting the business of the City of Fort Bragg.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Norvell, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 25th day of September, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cimolino, Lee, Norvell, Turner and Mayor Peters.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

RECUSED: None.



LINDY PETERS
Mayor

ATTEST:



June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk