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To: City Council
Cc: Westman, Susan; Clarke, Joe; Margaux Morgan; Gerry Jensen; Melinda Orbach
Subject: In the matter of Kevin Maguire's complaint about Melinda Orbach

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Honorable City Council members:

Regarding the code of conduct complaint filed by Kevin Maguire against councilmember Melinda Orbach, it must be recognized that Mr. Maguire's role in local political discourse this year has been anything but decorous.

He's been a bully, mean, vindictive, and threatening. There have been several angry men of his ilk operating in the local public arena recently, spewing their negativity in public.

If I had been in Ms. Orbach's position, having been stalked in her neighborhood by Mr. Maguire, who was asking her neighbors in a hostile manner where she lived, I would have obtained a permanent restraining order against him for abusive harassment and made the proceeding very public. Ms. Orbach showed admirable restraint and tolerance by not having done so.

Instead, she admonished him during a public hearing in a temperate manner that cannot reasonably be seen as a breach of decorum. If you had been in her position, would you have stayed mum about it?

I ask you, Ms. Orbach's fellow city council members, to show her the respect she deserves. It would be inappropriate to agendaize a discussion of Mr. Maguire's complaint at a public meeting.

Don't take Mr. Maguire's bait in his unworthy appeal for a City Council resolution of censure, targeting her in a further act of harassment. I implore you to ignore his unworthy claims.

Sincerely,

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