



RESOLUTION NO. 131-21/22
INTERGOVERNMENTAL JOINT AGENCY RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF CIVILITY AND RESPECT
Choose Civility Resolution

WHEREAS, the right to self-expression and free speech are fundamental rights and essential in preserving democratic values and promoting the common good;

WHEREAS, a robust exchange of ideas is necessary to the health of society as well as in the discourse of public and private organizations working for the common good;

WHEREAS, civility in discourse contributes to the well-being of an organization, underscores its general health and wellness and depends in great part on how an organization's members treat each other;

WHEREAS, embracing civility allows diverse and impassioned opinions and viewpoints to be considered with respect and due consideration in an inclusive and respectful environment;

WHEREAS, concern for the common good and well-being of all citizens is one of the highest virtues in a democratic society;

WHEREAS, every community member is responsible for demonstrating such behavior;
and,

WHEREAS, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Las Positas College, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, and the City of Livermore promote civil behavior between and by their members, Board of Directors, staff, and partners:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE LIVERMORE VALLEY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, LAS POSITAS COLLEGE, LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, AND THE CITY OF LIVERMORE RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS

In order to exhibit and encourage the kind of personal qualities that are emblematic of a civil society—gratitude, humility, openness, passion for service to others, propriety, kindness, caring, sense of duty, and a commitment to doing what is right within our Livermore community—, all persons participating in activities from the aforementioned City agencies should strive to:

1. Treat everyone courteously
2. Listen to others respectfully
3. Give open minded consideration to all viewpoints
4. Focus on the issues and avoid personalizing debate
5. Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights that are inherent components of an inclusive public process and tools for forging sound decisions

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the collective elected officials, Board Directors, Councilmembers, Board Trustees, committees, staff, contractors, and members from the aforementioned community agencies shall strive to promote the use of, and adherence to, these guidelines in all activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District on this 28th day of June, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: BUENO____PRUSSO____GUZMÁN____WANG____WHITE____

NOES: BUENO____PRUSSO____GUZMÁN____WANG____WHITE____

ABSTENTIONS: BUENO____PRUSSO____GUZMÁN____WANG____WHITE____

ABSENT: BUENO____PRUSSO____GUZMÁN____WANG____WHITE____

Clerk of the Board of Education
Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District of Alameda
County and Contra Costa County, State of California