

RESOLUTION NO. 039-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINEZ ESTABLISHING COUNCIL NORMS

WHEREAS, as part of the City Council's Goal Setting Workshop on February 25, 2023, the City Council discussed the types of practices that should be incorporated into the City Council's governance approach; and

WHEREAS, exceptional councils develop a sense of team - in partnership with the city manager – to govern and manage the City; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Council norms are a tool to help the City Council operate effectively as a policy team in coordination with the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to conduct itself consistent with these norms during City Council meetings, at public events, on social media, and in other public venues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Martinez hereby commit to the following norms:

1. We will practice continuous learning and development in support of helping the community grow and prosper.
2. We are the liaisons between Martinez residents and City operations, and we represent the City in a professional manner at meetings, community events and on social media.
3. We understand that we must govern for the entire City, and not just the District we are elected to represent.
4. We respect the Council-Manager form of government and communicate through the City Manager instead of going directly to staff.
5. We keep confidential matters confidential.
6. We play a role in inspiring public confidence in our City government.
7. We support the City organization by communicating to the public about existing City resources and service request mechanisms.
8. We are prepared for Council meetings and ask our questions of the City Manager ahead of time to allow staff the opportunity to compile background information as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these Council Norms be administered and enforced in the following manner:

1. Councilmembers have the primary responsibility to assure that ethical standards are understood and met by the Council, and that the public can continue to have full confidence in the integrity of government.

2. The City Council can review and revise the Council Norms as needed.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Martinez at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 19th day of April, 2023, by the following vote:


AYES: Councilmembers Jay Howard, Satinder S. Malhi;

Vice Mayor Mark Ross, Mayor Brianne Zorn

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Debbie McKillop



RICHARD HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK
CITY OF MARTINEZ