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Dear City Council,

The Proposed 2023 CouncilComments section 5.05, with a description of Public Comment, states that "Comments shall be respectful and adhere to Council decorum."

The language you have chosen to use in this part of the rulebook appears to violate both the letter and spirit of Articles 16 and 19 of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights. See Barron v. Kolenda and the Town of Southborough (SJC-13284)

Respectfully,  
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