



Welcome to Chico First!

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*We started this group to facilitate **Unity, Action and Vigilance** in our community around Public Safety and Quality of Life concerns affecting our beloved Chico. This mission has a broad scope, but it is not unlimited. We welcome all posts and discussions relevant to our mission. You can read the mission statement and posting rules below and under the Files menu. We will also be launching a web site, ChicoFirst.org, in the next few weeks. The purpose of the webpage is to host applications, such as a campsite mapping program, an interactive calendar, and other tools that will contribute to our mission and goals. We will continue to work with other groups and organizations where our goals overlap. We are interested in bringing together the widest and most diverse coalition of citizens who share a desire to make Chico first in quality of life and public safety. This is our city, our heritage, and our bequest to future generations. The time has come to make our citizens and our city the first priority for policies, resources, and programs. By establishing a public and private unity of purpose, engaging in action-oriented, data driven initiatives, and with persistent and ongoing vigilance, we can make Chico the very best of places to work and live. **Together, we can make Chico First!***



Chico First- Mission Statement

*Chico First is a platform for coalition building and community participation on initiatives aimed at public safety and quality of life issues affecting the City of Chico. Through **Unity** of purpose, direct **Action**, and ongoing **Vigilance**, together we will make Chico beautiful, clean and safe.*

Chico First Projects:

1. Provide a forum for relevant civil discourse that is safe, respectful, and constructive.
2. Ongoing collaboration with Chico community organizations, service providers, city and county agencies, law enforcement, and individual citizens on public safety and quality of life issues.
3. Proposal for “Shopping Cart” and “Locking Dumpster” City ordinances
4. Illegal encampment mapping application
5. Collaborative calendar application
6. Resource Directory
7. Contact, Enforcement, Accountability Policy Proposal

8. Community Court Initiative



Chico First Member Standards

While Chico First cannot take responsibility for the behavior of members beyond our events and page, we are firm in our commitment to peaceful, respectful conduct. **Both online and out in the community, we expect Chico First members to conduct themselves in a respectful, non-violent, manner consistent with community standards of kindness and decency.***

*Even at our events and within the group page and other social media platforms which Chico First administers, we have only the control to delete posts, threads and block members or ask people to leave a Chico First activity if they do not embrace the Mission Statement and Member Standards noted above, and the Posting Policy listed below.



Chico First Posting Policy

One of the most disturbing modern trends is the desire and willingness of some to shut down dialogue, rather than engaging with those who hold views at odds with their own. That response is not the policy or practice on this site. *This site is a forum for safe, respectful, and constructive civil discourse.*

We encourage dialogue and will never intercede because of content, with one exception; personal attacks and other forms of rudeness will not be tolerated. As long as participants can maintain a civil tone, a thread can last forever without any interference by an administrator.

In the event that individuals resort to rudeness and other forms of disrespect, they will be called out and asked to stop. Ongoing rudeness will be blocked, and persistent offenders will be blocked from the discussion. Habitual offenders will be banned from making any further posts. Over time and with consistency we will demonstrate what “civil discourse” looks like.

If you post on this site, here is what is expected of you:

1. Post new topics relevant to public safety and quality of life in Chico. Make your comments relevant to the headline topic. If someone asks about the relevance of your post, be prepared to explain.
2. Be polite. If you don't know how, others here will instruct you. We all understand what it means to be polite, and therefore we know rudeness when we see it. Don't be rude.

3. If someone asks you a question, answer it the best you can. It is rude to change the subject or ignore the question.
4. If someone doesn't understand your point the first time, give them another chance, try to explain a different way, elaborate. Words often require context to be understood as intended. We can't learn from you if you are not willing to articulate WHY you see things the way you do. Be willing and prepared to explain your position. Listen to the responses you elicit, and consider them carefully before responding. Advance the ball, don't take the ball and go home.
5. It is nearly impossible not to make moral judgments about those you disagree with, and even feel angry or offended. OK, we are not going to ask you to rewire your humanness. But refrain telling someone, either directly or indirectly, they are a bad person for thinking about things the way they do. Good people can be wrong, and bad people can be right. Take an approach of discovery, not moral righteousness. You might be the one to learn something new.

*By reading the Chico First Welcome, Mission Statement, Member Standards and Posting Policy listed above, it is our sincere hope that you embrace the ideals of our group, act in a manner that demonstrates the love and commitment you have to our city. Remember, it is through **Unity** of purpose, direct **Action**, and ongoing **Vigilance** that will help us keep **Chico First!***

Thank you.

The Chico First Admins & Moderators