

APRA Guidelines/Rules of Community-Engagement of all kinds

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APRA Principles/Presuppositions

1-APRA Whole & Holistic Vision, 2-Preservation-Progress Integrated-3rd/Highway, 3-Timeframes:ST-MT-LT Assimilation, 4-Community Dev E-co-system Triangle w Res-City-Dec/BIO's. 5-CoJ&UJ Plans Funnel, & **6-Social Cohesion** outlined further here below...



*In APRA we intend to facilitate orderly, decent, humanizing, and effective engagements of all kinds including Communications, Events, Portfolios, Public Meetings, WhatsApp Groups, Social Media Platforms, Projects and more... aimed at authentic, constructive, and **growing partnership** between the City, all of its Citizens and Stakeholders. We aim to honor the constitutional rights and responsibilities of all partners, while we attempt **work together** to build a better community and city. It is our sincere intent to create a culture of goodness, dignity, and respect of all in our land.*

*In all this, we might step on some toes, we might have different styles and steps and even lack rhythm, yet we want to do the dance as productively and constructively as possible. That is we wish **to promote and pursue vigorous, principled, value-driven, fact-based, thoughtful, humanizing, accountable, decent, dignified, passionate, and significant engagement** whilst we discourage and avoid suspicious, angry, rumor-fueled, de-humanizing, ununiformed/partially informed, condemning, shaming and blaming discourse of any kind, ever.*

Our goal is simple and looks something like...

Collaboration over combat.

Dance floor over war-zone.

Building Bridges over burning them

Solutions & Service over complaints & criticism.

Consideration & Investigation toward Understanding over immediate accusation & attack.

Toward these ends, we commit to...

1. ***Thoughtful diagnosis and prognosis in dialogue*** over flame throwing anger and violent verbal protests.
2. ***Asking good questions towards understanding, accountability, and transparency*** over issuing uninvestigated and sometimes careless accusations, attacks, and even threats.
3. ***Do our very best to talk to the right people, in the right way, about the right things*** to bring about best most sustainable results in the least time.
4. ***Operate with a disposition toward pursuing shared values & common ground*** over highlighting and then magnifying our differences and separateness.
5. ***Identify and work through problem considering the facts with those most closely associated with the problems*** over name, shame, & blame whoever might be accessible or remotely responsible.
6. ***Recommend meaningful and reasonable solutions*** over the usually thoughtless, shallow, and sometimes angry complaints and moans about our specific-personal items even our shared frustrations.
7. ***Recommending possible Solutions from good diagnosis shared with appropriate stakeholders*** over personal or generic complaints, moans or even protests.