City of Thousand Oaks
City Council Norms
“Promote Public Confidence and Trust”

1. Treat each other, staff, and members of the public respectfully; do not criticize staff or others in public.

2. Follow the rules (Standards of Operation) and adhere to the rules. Mayor to hold speakers accountable and Mayor Pro Tem to hold speakers addressing Mayor accountable, while recognizing a resident’s right to address his/her elected representatives.

3. Speak only for yourself; not for other Councilmembers, including during campaign cycles. Do not speak for other Councilmembers in the press at all times, including during campaign cycles.

4. Keep comments from wandering into being indirectly critical of other Councilmembers.

5. Discourage supporters from coming to City Hall to criticize other Councilmembers.

6. Do not make assumptions. Do not question motivations.

7. After each Council Meeting, each Councilmember should acknowledge each other.

As reaffirmed by City Council on March 30, 2021