



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

July 16, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Subject: **Approval of Council and Commission Meeting Agenda Format Change to Include a Statement of “Compassionate City” Meeting Conduct Values**

OVERVIEW

Recommendation – That the City Council:

1. Approve modifying the current Council meeting agenda format to include “Compassionate City” meeting conduct values as indicated in the attached agenda sample; and
2. Direct that similar language be added to other City Commission agenda formats.

Fiscal Impact – There is no financial impact associated with this action.

Previous Related Action – On April 2, 2018, via City Council proclamation, the City joined an international network of leading cities to embrace compassion as a value. . . “Not just a value, but something we will intentionally strive to more intentionally build into the culture of our community on every level.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

By adopting this change to the City’s normal meeting agenda format and placing it in the public comment section where conduct is described, the City takes action reinforcing civic and civil engagement where compassion can be experienced as part of the Pomona community culture.

DISCUSSION

Locally engaged members of the Compassionate Cities Initiative have requested that the following language be added to the normal agenda format for official City meetings:

Together the City Council members, City staff, and public honor Pomona’s important City meeting values:

To speak and to listen to everyone with respect and courtesy;
To honor fairness and our cherished democratic process;

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To affirm Pomona’s dedication to lead as a Compassionate City.

Thank you all for keeping these values and this commitment to act with them ever present in our minds as we proceed with the meeting together.

A mockup of what this language would look like **[in red font]** in the current agenda is attached.

Attachment: 7-2-18 Council agenda (pages 1 & 2) with recommended language inserted