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It has recently been brought to my attention that a conversation between a local blogger and me was posted on Facebook. As an elected official, I understand and respect the role of the media and bloggers. In our community, the press, freedom of speech, and the free exchange of ideas are all fundamental to our democracy. However, I do believe that it is essential for all voices in public discourse to adhere to high standards of accuracy and fairness. Reporting on or posting false or misleading information to blog sites and other media outlets can be damaging, especially when the post fails to depict the entire conversation. I hope we can all contribute positively and constructively to our public discussions. As councilwoman for the 2nd district, I remain committed to transparency and will always welcome respectful engagement with all community members, including bloggers and independent journalists. However, we should not tolerate bloggers or independent journalists who use their platforms to bully, harass, or intimidate others, especially common council members.

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