



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Human Relations Commission/
James R. Latta, L.C.S.W., Human Services Administrator

DATE: January 13, 2011

SUBJECT: Human Relations Commission Election Civility Statement

ATTACHMENT: EMBRACE CIVILITY: Election Civility Statement

Ten years ago, the Beverly Hills City Council formed the Human Relations Commission to promote positive human relations in all aspects of community life in our city. On March 2, 2010, the Commission presented an election civility statement to the City Council and received unanimous approval for dissemination of this civility expectation for community leaders and all residents during this municipal election. The statement establishes a citywide expectation for all of us during the course of this campaign and election with the intention that it will become a year-round way of life throughout our city.

Members of the Human Relations Commission will be present at the January 13, 2011 Planning Commission meeting to introduce the civility statement to the commissioners and request that they consider an opportunity to demonstrate leadership as a positive role model. As human relations commissioners we are promoting an ideal, but the task of achieving the ideal is up to all of us. We ask that you join us as we take a stand in support of an environment where respect and responsible actions prevail in every aspect of our community life. We hope that you will be inspired to live this message and carry it to others as well.

For comments and concerns about civility, the Human Relations Commission provides a public forum for anyone who wishes to speak and share. For additional information call 310-285-1006 or go to www.beverlyhills.org/humansvcs.

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The Human Relations Commission
of the City of Beverly Hills strives to promote
positive human relations in all aspects of community life.

We believe that the examination of diverse candidates and
challenging issues can be conducted with great civility.

While our schools may provide civics education in the classroom,
we citizens are obligated to provide our young people
with a real life model of positive civic behavior
that we teach by example.

We hope that every member of this community
will join us as we take a stand in support of
an environment where respect and responsible
actions prevail in all elections
and in every aspect of our community life.