

ACOG PUBLIC FORUM ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR POLICY

Effective July 16, 2025

Applies to: Social media platforms, public forums (e.g., Public Input), surveys, online comment sections, and event pages managed by ACOG.

1. PURPOSE

ACOG is committed to fostering respectful, inclusive, and productive public dialogue. This policy outlines the standards for participation in ACOG-managed online forums to ensure interactions are civil, lawful, and relevant to the mission of ACOG.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all public contributions submitted via ACOG online platforms, including but not limited to:

- Social media comments or replies
- Discussion threads on project pages (e.g., Public Input)
- Survey open responses
- Event Q&A or feedback forms

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

Encouraged Behavior

- Respectful, on-topic, and constructive dialogue
- Relevant feedback or questions about ACOG initiatives
- Sharing ideas, concerns, or resources related to regional planning, transportation, emergency communications, or local governance

Prohibited Content

Comments or posts containing any of the following are subject to moderation:

- Profanity, obscenity, or sexually explicit language
- Hate speech or discriminatory remarks based on race, religion, gender, orientation, ethnicity, nationality, or disability
- Threats, harassment, or personal attacks
- Defamation or false statements about individuals or organizations
- Commercial advertising, spam, or repetitive off-topic postings
- Disclosure of personal, private, or confidential information



- Encouragement of illegal activity
- Content that infringes on intellectual property or violates platform terms of service

4. MODERATION GUIDELINES

ACOG reserves the right to review and moderate public content submitted through its platforms. Actions may include:

1. Warning or clarification: A notice or DM will be issued if a post is borderline or misunderstood.
2. Content removal: Posts that violate this policy may be removed without notice.
3. Revocation of access: Repeated or serious violations may result in temporary or permanent banning from ACOG forums or accounts.

Moderation will be conducted fairly, consistently, and viewpoint-neutral—focused on behavior and adherence to policy, not opinion.

5. FORUM DESIGNATION

ACOG forums are considered limited public forums—they are open for topic-related public comment but moderated for relevance, safety, and legal compliance.

6. TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC RECORDS

All submissions, even those moderated or removed, may be archived and retained as part of ACOG open public records obligations. Participants are advised not to submit private or sensitive information.

7. APPEALS AND CONTACT

If you believe your comment was removed in error or have questions about this policy, please contact:

ACOG Public Information Department
Rachel Meinke, Public Information Director
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8. DISCLAIMER

By participating in ACOG-managed online spaces, you agree to abide by this policy. ACOG reserves the right to modify this policy as needed.