

Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway Statement

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I want to again make it clear that I am not defending Councilor Doporto's statements. Words have consequences, especially when those words are spoken or written by an elected official. I do not condone domestic violence or disrespectful attitudes toward women. The City of Carlsbad and the residents of the City of Carlsbad do not condone domestic violence or disrespectful attitudes toward women.

This incident does not at all reflect who we are or what we are about. Carlsbad is a beautiful community, with a generous and diverse population of all races, ethnicities and religions. We proudly have extremely-capable women in leadership positions such as judges, city councilors and city employees, county commissioners and businesses.

Based on a legal opinion I have requested, neither the mayor or the city council can remove Mr. Doporto from his position. State law also does not allow for a city councilman to be recalled by voters. An elected official of a municipality can be removed from office for "malfeasance in office," after a district court hearing.