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Ed Nieto  
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Yesterday was what we used to call "Columbus Day," but which we now rightfully recognize as Indigenous Peoples' Day, to honor the history, culture, and contributions of Native communities.

So I think this is a good opportunity to talk about how we can all work to better ourselves on phrases that may be outdated and insulting.

Back in June, Councilmember Jose Rodriguez told me on Facebook:

"Edward Nieto you really go off the reservation.  
Stop bouncing from subject to subject like a conspiracy theorists."

Using the phrase "off the reservation" is not merely outdated; it is a harmful reminder of the historical oppression faced by Native Americans, evoking a time when Indigenous people were forcibly confined to reservations and punished for leaving without permission.

Using such language perpetuates ignorance of our painful history and disrespects Native communities who continue to face the legacy of that oppression. At a moment when we should be reflecting on the injustices experienced by Indigenous people, Rodriguez's use of this phrase serves only to reinforce exclusion and erasure.

As a public servant, Rodriguez has a responsibility to use language that respects all constituents and to be mindful of the impact words can have. I urge Rodriguez to apologize, educate themselves on the harmful nature of these terms, and commit to using more inclusive language in the future.

This isn't about being 'politically correct'—it's about recognizing the history behind our words and choosing not to perpetuate harm. Let's work together to foster a community where all of us, regardless of background, feel respected and valued.

For the record, I am also submitting a copy of this comment for your and the City Clerk.



# Council Member Jose Rodriguez

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have done. Your judgement has consistently been bad...  
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**Council Member Jose Rodriguez**

**Edward Nieto** you really go off the reservation. Stop bouncing from subject to subject like a conspiracy theorists.

This post is about street investment, somehow you want to make it about anything but that.

Hope you can at least appreciate the substantial investment on our streets, realizing there is much more work to still do

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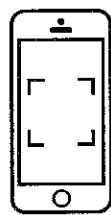


**Council Member Jose Rodriguez**  
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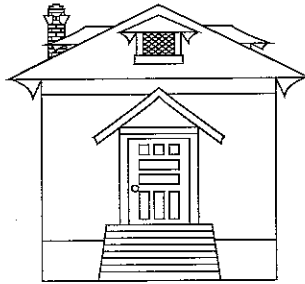


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