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### Action Steps: The Acts 2 Code of Conduct

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2. P \_\_\_\_\_ and t \_\_\_\_\_ you are the norm and expectation.
3. We treat one another with r \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We are **direct, sensitive**, and **honest** with one another.
5. We will address incivility i \_\_\_\_\_.

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