



## The Good City Speaker Series

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## Governor Spencer Cox

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# Civility in Our Public Discourse

A conversation on respectful disagreement, active listening, and bridge-building in democratic life.

## Event Details

**Monday, March 30 | 7:00 PM**

SMU Campus | Crum Auditorium

3150 Binkley Ave., Dallas, TX 75205

### About the conversation

Civil discourse is the respectful, constructive exchange of ideas aimed at fostering understanding, even amid deep disagreement, and is essential for effective democratic governance. It requires active listening, intellectual humility, and focusing on evidence rather than personal attacks. Key practices include managing tone, valuing opposing viewpoints, and bridging divides.

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