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### **RESPECT OTHERS**

- Respect each other and the process
- Don't shame or blame others
- Assume each of us is coming from a good place (honest, genuine)
- Don't talk about people who aren't here

#### **BE OPEN**

- Be open to others' stories & realities
- Be open to partially-formed ideas
- Learn from your mistakes
- Be open to a change of heart and mind

#### LISTEN ACTIVELY

- Don't interrupt
- Use clarifying not interrogating questions
- Use "I" statements
- Don't argue, talk about ideas in a civil way—be respectful of others' ideas
- Keep side conversations to a minimum

#### TAKE RISKS

- No retribution, hostility or harassment toward others for taking risks
- Discussions stay here
- Take risks, be authentic and speak your truth

#### **BE ACCOUNTABLE**

- Participate to the best of your ability
- All of us are responsible for making sure all voices are heard
- You are accountable for what you do and say
- Hold each other accountable in a civil way
- You are responsible for your learning
- Own your part of the problem or issue
- You are accountable for the use of information, not missing information or misinformation

#### **Q-TIP**

Quit taking things too personally