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February 5

# 🗨️ Etiquette Violations by Mariotomo - A Vote Whether to Ban His Participation on community.openstreetmap.org and the Mailing Lists

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## Outcome



By Allan Mustard · 1 second ago · Review due 22 hours ago

Four in favor, one abstention. Resolution carries. Admins of the forum and the OSMF Board will be informed.

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Proposal by Allan Mustard · **Closed Mon 6 Feb 2023 9:32PM**

## General Review of Forum Behavior by OSM Community member MarioTomo

### General Notes:

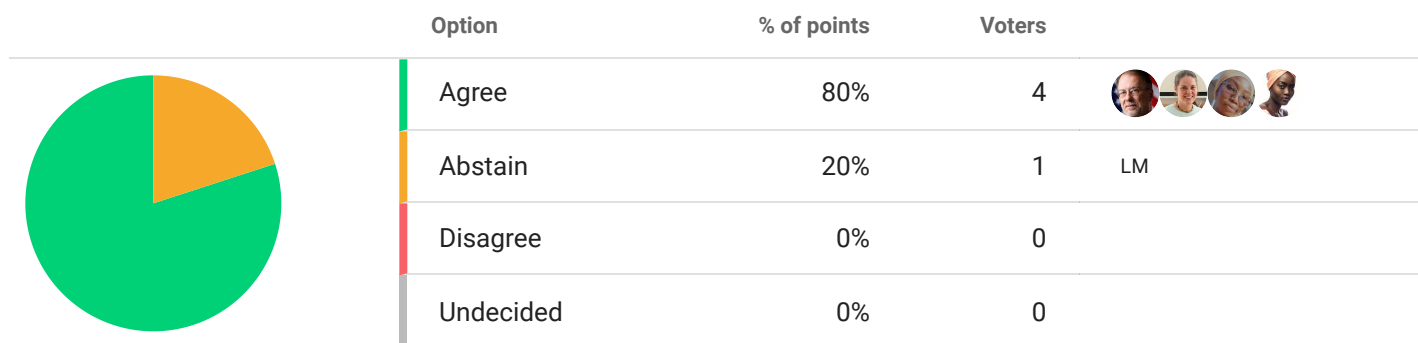
1. Logan McGovern is recusing himself from participation in voting on the resolution accompanying this review, due to a conflict of interest given his work association with one of the primary detractors of Mariotomo.
2. DWG is an acronym for Data Working Group Summary: For discussions not related to the topics of the DWG, the LATAM forum, the Panama community, various Latin American telegram channels, and a Panamanian Youthmappers group, topics initiated by Mariotomo typically maintain a neutral tone and generally have positive resolutions. His replies are similar. Discussing the exceptions, many vicious interactions and recriminations by and against Mariotomo have occurred on the community forum. It is noted these have their roots in events that happened across many outside communication channels and during individual interactions. It is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for outside observers to form a comprehensive timeline of the various feuds. Therefore we will not try to place them in proper context. However, it is noted that members of the Forum Governance team have sent Mariotomo multiple private communications in the past asking him to desist from "posting very long antagonistic messages".

Furthermore, that Mariotomo views the Community Forum as a tool for 'accountability', that is, as a tool to extract desired concessions that he failed to receive from previous interactions. This mode of behavior is evident in the locked topic thread "How many standards does the DWG use?". Perceiving the supposed failure of the DWG to provide his complaints with sufficient redress, he continued to press the issue after a detailed response by a member of the DWG was provided. This cannot be described as 'acting in good faith'. It is a final observation that we have received no complaints of other community members driving away novice mappers; we have received such a complaint about Mariotomo.

**Solution:** In light of the situation, the proposed solution is for a two-week suspension from the forum and talk lists. Mariotomo should also be informed that his conduct is under observation and that any further violations of the Etiquette Guidelines will result in a lengthier suspension from all OSMF-sponsored social media, and if continued beyond that, may result in suspension from OpenStreetMap. While some of his expressed concerns about the importation of incompatible data are valid, that does not allow us to overlook the problems mentioned above.

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Results



5 of 5 people have voted (100%)

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### Votes

Radmila 8 hours ago

Rubaina Adam 11 hours ago

LM Logan McGovern 17 hours ago

Angela Teyvi February 5

Allan Mustard February 5

I believe four weeks would have been better but will agree to two weeks if that is the consensus.



