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Dear LA City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned citizen who is discouraged by the language and conduct displayed during recent City Council Meetings. I do not believe that hate speech, including deliberate use of racial slurs towards members of the public and City Council, is conducive to fostering civic participation. The hostile environment recently created by members of the community undermines the purpose of city forums - to provide an open space for the public to inform their city's decision making.

Council chambers should be where voices are heard without fear of intimidation or violence. It is a space for the people, and the people deserve better — respect, openness, and equal treatment.

I urge Councilmembers to take action by setting clear expectations for respectful dialogue and professional conduct. Our community deserves a public forum where everyone feels welcome to contribute, free from hostility and intimidation.

Sincerely,

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