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To the LA City Council,

I am writing as a concerned citizen and educator who strives to be more civically engaged but is increasingly discouraged by the conduct I have witnessed during Council Meetings including at yesterday's session. Once again, I saw individuals making obscene gestures and using racist language, all while others appeared to mock serious issues that do not directly impact them.

As an educator, I cannot, in good conscience, bring students to participate in these discussions when the environment is rife with inappropriate and disrespectful behavior. No one, especially young people eager to engage in civic matters, should have to endure this kind of hostility in what should be a space for meaningful dialogue and progress.

Council Chambers should be a place where voices are heard, not silenced by chaos and intimidation. This is our space, a space for the people and we deserve better.

I urge Councilmembers to take immediate action by setting and enforcing clear expectations for respectful discourse and professional conduct. Our community deserves a public forum where all individuals feel safe and empowered to contribute without fear of harassment or disruption. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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