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Dear LA City Councilmember,

I am writing as a concerned citizen who wants to be more civically engaged but is discouraged by the language and conduct displayed during Council Meetings. The behavior I have witnessed—ranging from hate speech to disruptive antics—creates a hostile environment that deters participation and undermines the purpose of these forums. Instead of dialogue and problem-solving, time is wasted on chaos and disrespect. I regard these histrionics as purposefully inflammatory, attention-seeking behavior by the participants rather than dialogue that advances shared goals for our city and common courtesy for our fellow Angelenos.

Council Chambers should be where voices are heard and our time is not wasted. This is our space—a space for the people—and we deserve better.

I urge Councilmembers to take action by setting and enforcing clear expectations for respectful dialogue and professional conduct, as well as clear consequences for failure to respect these guidelines. Our community deserves a public forum where everyone feels empowered to contribute, free from hostility and intimidation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Balonek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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