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Dear Los Angeles City Council,

As a Black woman and a concerned citizen, I am deeply invested in my community and want to be more civically engaged. However, the racist language and behavior I have witnessed and heard about during Los Angeles City Council meetings make participation feel less like a right and more like a battle.

Instead of an open forum for respectful discussion, these meetings have become spaces where hate speech and disruptive antics dominate, drowning out the very voices that should be heard. The result is a hostile environment that discourages engagement and makes coming up with solutions to foster a more prosperous community extremely difficult. Moreover, Council Chambers should be a space where every voice matters, not a stage for chaos and disrespect.

With the submission of this letter, I am calling on Los Angeles' City Councilmembers to take meaningful action. We must ensure that the city's public forums uphold their intended purpose: to serve the people, not silence them through hostility and intimidation. Our community deserves a space where everyone feels empowered to speak, to be heard, and to help shape the future we all share.

Sincerely,
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