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To Whom It May Concer,

I am writing this letter as a Los Angeles native who is concerned about the derogatory language and misconduct I've witnessed at Los Angeles City Council Meetings. The hate speech I've observed on multiple occasions is discouraging and should be better managed. I have participated in community actions and rallies at City Hall with my young children and I was infuriated by the language and conduct displayed. This type of divisive behavior creates hostility and does not foster the type of care, dignity, and respect that Angelenos and our elected leaders deserve. The purpose of these meetings is to encourage community dialogue and problem-solving, yet, precious time is wasted on chaos and disrespect.

I am completely against banning first amendment rights and freedom of speech, but the Los Angeles City Council can do much better. The constant racial and anti-LGBTQ slurs and use of terms such as ni**er, wet**ck, and fa**ot, are uncalled for and have provoked violence. The Council Chambers should be safe spaces where people are heard and respected, and we deserve better.

I urge Councilmembers to take action by creating and enforcing clear expectations for respectful dialogue and professional conduct. Our community deserves a public forum where everyone feels empowered to contribute, free from malice, unkindness, and intimidation.

Sincerely,

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