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Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of Faithful Saint Mark Church, a pillar of the South Los Angeles community for 60 years, we write to express our deep concern regarding the language and conduct displayed during Council Meetings. As a church dedicated to faith, service, and uplifting our neighbors, we have long encouraged civic engagement and community participation. However, the behavior we have witnessed—ranging from hate speech to disruptive antics—creates a hostile environment that discourages meaningful involvement and undermines the purpose of these forums. Instead of fostering dialogue and solutions, valuable time is lost to disorder and disrespect.

For nearly six decades, our mission has been to serve and empower our community with love, integrity, and a commitment to justice. Council Chambers should reflect these same values—providing a space where all voices are heard, and discussions lead to positive change.

We urge Councilmembers to take decisive action by establishing and enforcing clear expectations for respectful dialogue and professional conduct. Our community deserves a public forum where everyone feels safe and encouraged to participate—free from hostility, fear, and intimidation.

Faithful Saint Mark Church remains committed to working alongside our city leaders to promote a culture of respect, accountability, and service to the people. We look forward to seeing leadership that upholds these principles.

Kind regards,

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