



Office of Board President Harris Dawson  
LA City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

March 4, 2025

Dear Board President Harris Dawson,

As an organization dedicated to ending homelessness and uplifting people out of poverty in LA County, we are writing to express our concern about the inappropriate language and behavior that continues to take place during Council Meetings.

Our organization relies on being able to provide public comment or advocate during Council meetings, and our members are exposed to hateful language. Vulgar and offensive language does not contribute to resolving the issues at hand. Public meetings should prioritize constructive and meaningful engagement, and this type of behavior must not be normalized in any public forum.

Council Chambers should be a space where all participants feel safe and where respectful dialogue is the standard. We strongly urge Councilmembers to establish and enforce clear standards to restore order and ensure a productive environment for public discourse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan J. Smith".

Ryan J. Smith  
President and CEO  
St. Joseph Center