

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion is obviously meant to quash dissent and stifle free speech, and we must do everything in our power to oppose it. We as Americans never tire of speaking of freedom of speech and freedom of expression in the abstract, as though the abstract existence of such rights count for anything in our daily lives—our rights are real only insofar as we can actually exercise them, otherwise they're not worth the paper they're written on. When we look for our rights we find them not in statutes but in the streets, in their particular unabridged expression. The proposed measure clearly targets the Palestinian solidarity movement, and as such is not only politically biased, but possibly the result of foreign interference in our democratic process. LA council members are beholden to us, their constituents, not to the foreign governments who bankroll their campaigns and finance their opulent lifestyles.