

To whom it may concern,

On this 23rd day of February 2025, I, Ernie Serrano, am writing this letter of concern regarding the Los Angeles Council meetings. I am not always in a position to voice my concerns over situations, conditions and policies that have an impact on our community. However, when I do find myself with time to voice my concerns I have found the public comment sessions to be intimidating and out right scary at times. There have been individuals that go into the meetings and engage on racist tirades, display hostile and disruptive behavior, display total disregard for the council members and rant beyond their allotted time.

How much longer do we as responsible and hardworking taxpayers have to put up with it? Council Chambers should be the forum where the voice of the community members are heard in a timely and responsible manner. This space should be reserved for the genuinely concerned taxpayer and not wasted on someone bent on disrupting and undermining our democratic process.

I urge Councilmembers to take action by setting and enforcing clear expectations for respectful and subject appropriate dialogue. Our community deserves a public forum that displays the utmost of professionalism empowering our residents with the confidence to contribute meaningfully free of hostility and intimidation.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,
Ernie Serrano