

Letter from Concerned Citizen

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

I am writing as a concerned citizen who participates in the L.A. City Council public hearings, but has more than often felt discouraged to participate due to the disrespectful and offensive behavior led by a handful members of the public. The behavior I have witnessed—ranging from deep hate speech to offensive and disruptive antics — has created a hostile environment that deters participation and undermines the purpose of these forums. Council Chambers should be where voices are heard and our time is not wasted. This is our space — a space for the people — and we deserve better.

This has become even more concerning after many community residents who have previously joined me to speak up on issues that matter most to them, deny joining again strictly because of how intimidated they felt by the hostile behavior from the handful disruptors.

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

Sincerely,

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