

Dear Los Angeles City Council,

I am a constituent of the Eighth District and a lifelong Angeleno. I believe in community engagement and am actively teaching my children about civic participation and politics so that as they grow older, they, too, will want to be involved in making Los Angeles a better city.

We regularly watch City Council meetings, and I hope to one day bring my children to a kid friendly session. For now, we often watch online. While doing so, we have noticed that some public comments made by community members are deeply hurtful, racist, sexist, homophobic, and outright insulting.

I urge the City Council to take action against hate speech and ban individuals who engage in such behavior from meetings. There is no place for hate speech in our city. It is completely unacceptable that our Council President has been subjected to racial slurs, including being called the N word.

Please set an example for our future leaders by making it clear that hate speech will not be tolerated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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