

## Communication from Public

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## FIRST AME CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

Rev. Robert R. Shaw, II - Senior Pastor  
Rev. Ann Champion Shaw - Executive Pastor

June 20, 2025

Dear Los Angeles City Council Members,

As the Senior Pastor and Executive Pastor of First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles (FAME), we are writing this letter in support of the Council's proposed motion to be given limited authority to remove individuals displaying harmful slurs during public comment forums.

There is a quote that speaks to the need for conversational civility: "The language we use is a reflection of the respect we have for others and ourselves." - UnKnown

We are all Angelenos, let's talk and work out differences together without the profanity.

Councilmembers, please take action by enforcing respectful dialogue during the public forums.

Sincerely,

Always in God's Service,

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Rev. Robert R. Shaw, II  
First AME Church of Los Angeles  
Senior Pastor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Shaw".

Rev. Ann Champion Shaw  
First AME Church of Los Angeles  
Executive Pastor

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**Name:** Teri Redman Kahn

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, I am in support of the idea behind the motion to ban the N and C word, but I think it is way too restrictive. There are other words that are truly hurtful and meant to disparage. I will not go through the list. But what ever happened to civil discourse? Just because the national conversation has become crude and often incendiary, the City Council can be better than that. I would like to see a motion to ban all "hate speech"--words and phrases meant to hurt--from the discourse. We should be able to spar based on ideas and not resort to below the belt attacks on those we do not agree with. Teri Redman Kahn  
Former high school teacher and supporter of healthy debate