

Glauz Diego

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Dear Council President Harris-Dawson,

I am writing as a concerned resident who was raised in and currently works in Los Angeles' 8th Council District. On March 4th, I attended a council hearing to speak on Item 30 regarding the firing of Chief Crowley. During my time there, I witnessed deeply troubling behavior ranging from hate speech to disruptive antics intended to antagonize and intimidate both council members and constituents. While I have seen such conduct before, this time it was so egregious that I felt compelled to write.

Mr. Herman, who was dressed as Batman, repeatedly used the n-word when referring to both council members and constituents during his public comment. As an Afro-Latino, I was personally offended by his remarks. More than that, his behavior created a hostile environment that discourages public participation and undermines the purpose of these forums. Instead of fostering meaningful dialogue and problem-solving, time is wasted on chaos and disrespect.

While I strongly support freedom of speech, I also believe that Council Chambers should be a space where voices are heard in a respectful and productive manner. This is our space—a space for the people—and we deserve better.

I urge you and your fellow 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 safe and empowered to participate, free from hostility and intimidation.

Thank you for your time and leadership. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
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