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Dear LA City Council,

I am writing as a concerned citizen who works and lives in Los Angeles. As an individual who enjoys staying informed about what is happening in the city, state, and around the world, I often attend and listen to city council meetings, to hear what policy is shaping my life and the lives of my neighbors, and also to be informed about what other residents of Los Angeles are thinking and feeling.

With that being said, it is hard to engage during city council meetings when individuals are using disruptive antics, particularly racial slurs and random outbursts. I fully believe in freedom of speech, but also that speech can be considered an act of violence. Right now, city council is not safe for everyday residents that want to exercise their civic duty.

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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