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To whom it may concern,

As a daycare institution dedicated to fostering the growth and development of young minds, we are deeply troubled by the hateful language and disrespectful behavior that have been on display during public comments at LA City Council Meetings.

Bringing our children to witness government in action and see democracy in action has long been a cherished part of our curriculum. However, the use of racial slurs and the mocking of the democratic process has forced us to rethink whether this is still a place that reflects the values we aim to teach.

We call on the LA City Council to create an environment that mirrors the respect and professionalism we promote in our classrooms. Our students deserve to observe public forums that embody kindness, respect, and decency—values that are vital to maintaining a healthy and thriving democracy. Restoring public trust and creating a space worthy of the next generation's engagement is essential for their future involvement in our civic life.

Sincerely,

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