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Dear LA City Council,

I was recently in the gallery of a City Hall meeting, and I was stunned by the language and conduct displayed during the Council Meeting. Several gadflies were allowed to use hate speech, racial epithets, and misogynistic language. The behavior I was subjected to made me both angry and sad. It definitely created an environment in which I felt disrespected. Hate crimes go hand in hand with hate speech.

No member of the public wishing to engage civically should have to endure the hate-filled rantings of a few. Council Chambers should be a place where we can bring our youth to see the inner workings of the city. What a horrible message tolerating this kind of behavior sends to our young people. This should be a space for all people. I hope Councilmembers take action to reclaim Council Chambers so that respectful dialogue and professional conduct are the order of the day. Our community deserves a place to provide public comment without being accosted by hate, hostility, and intimidation.

Sincerely,
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