

Communication from Public

Name: Victor Pacheco

Date Submitted: 06/18/2025 12:25 PM

Council File No: 16-1104-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Use of the N-word and C-word is harmful. The harm only increases in a formal public meeting where some members of the public receive the false impression that the City of Los Angeles condones the use of these words. Use of these epithets is also disruptive. Besides inciting, or threatening to incite, verbal and even physical altercations, these slurs disrupt Council and Committee meetings and make it intolerable for many members of the public to attend and participate in meetings. This denies elected officials the benefit of hearing from constituents and subverts the function of the public comment period. It also suppresses the constitutional right of many members of the public to freely petition their government. I request that the prohibition of the use of the N-word and the C-word be extended to Neighborhood Council meetings and all City meetings. I thank the City Council for its attention to this matter and I appreciate their commitment to strengthening our community.

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Name: Carolyn Jordan

Date Submitted: 06/18/2025 03:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my support to CF 16-1104-S3. There are many ways for individuals to indicate the intensity of their opinion, but the use of these specific epithets is entirely unnecessary, and also is particularly insulting to whomever such epithets are directed towards. I like to think that our youth, through their schools or otherwise, occasionally visit our City Council meetings, whether in-person or virtually, to see our democratic process in action, and I particularly hate to think of them having to be subjected to that sort of hateful language. I believe the motion sets forth the legal justifications clearly such that this is not a violation of anyone's first amendment rights, that no one will be charged with a crime or a fine, but that, finally, some decorum can be restored to our City Council meetings. Thank you.

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Name: Nancy Sternesky-Vescovo

Date Submitted: 06/18/2025 10:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: RE: CF 16-1104-S3 - City Council Rules/Council Rule 7/Council Rule 63/N-Word and C-Word Epithets/Amendments
Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA) supports council file CF-1104-S3, which changes the Los Angeles City Council Rules 7 and 63 to prohibit the use of the N-word or the C-word. While I wholeheartedly agree the use of the N-word and C-word is indeed extremely harmful, I believe this sets a dangerous precedent. The council should perhaps include this in a "Code of Conduct" but not make this a law. If anyone has the casuacity to use these harmful terms they should be schooled and/or voted out. My biggest fear is the use of the word "Zionist" will then be turned into some type anti semitic word and then that will be the next amendment and against the law. I believe this is a gateway to dangerous things in the name of some liberal ideology.

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Name: john handal

Date Submitted: 06/18/2025 11:44 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: FOR -- Public Comment I am writing this letter of concern regarding the Los Angeles Council meetings. I am not always in a position to voice my concerns over situations, conditions and policies that have an impact on our community. However, when I do find myself with time to voice my concerns I have found the public comment sessions to be intimidating and out right scary at times. There have been individuals that go into the meetings and engage on racist tirades, display hostile and disruptive behavior, display total disregard for the council members and rant beyond their allotted time. How much longer do we as responsible and hardworking taxpayers have to put up with it? Council Chambers should be the forum where the voice of the community members are heard in a timely and responsible manner. This space should be reserved for the genuinely concerned taxpayer and not wasted on someone bent on disrupting and undermining our democratic process. I urge Councilmembers to take action by setting and enforcing clear expectations for respectful and subject appropriate dialogue. Our community deserves a public forum that displays the utmost of professionalism empowering our residents with the confidence to contribute meaningfully free of hostility and intimidation.