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Comments for Public Posting: As the holders of the Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember, you hold the power to "make law". The law which you make has authority to regulate the rights and the conduct of millions of people who reside or who visit within the city boundaries. The citizens have entrusted you with this power to "make law", which also carries certain duties and responsibilities. Among these, none is more important than your duty to not "make bad law". What is "bad law"? "bad law" can be flawed or defective in its ability to realize the purpose for which it was intended. "bad law" can dilute, diminish or damage the use or effectiveness of other existing laws meant to serve the same purpose or meant to serve a different purpose of value to the citizens. "bad law" can fail to acknowledge associated charges, costs, claims and judgements which may incur and deplete financial resources the city needs to support other valued programs and activities. "bad law" may be found to work as a useful tool to facilitate activity considered damaging or detrimental to other programs of value to the city or its stakeholders. 'bad law' may facilitate the committing of crimes or may enhance opportunity for evasion by those committing crime.. "bad law" may diminish the ability of citizens to preempt, preclude or protect against injury or loss from conduct resulting in victimization. There is an established process by which the members of Los Angeles City Council "make law". The process serves as a safeguard for examining and reviewing proposed new law. The process assists to vet, verify and modify proposed law so that the final product can efficiently and effectively serve the purpose for which it is intended. When the City Council short circuits the established process for "making law", they increase the risk of "making bad law". When the City Council allows the use of inflammatory narrative, unsubstantiated claims and false pretenses to manufacture an emergency to justify aborting the standard process for introducing and approving a motion, they are nearly 100% assured they will be "making bad law".