

MOTION**BUDGET & FINANCE**

Civic discourse is a staple of our democratic processes, but when this discourse supersedes the City from carrying out its business there can be consequences. The recent protests at City Hall during City Council meetings have not only caused disruption and obstructed members of the public from participating, incidents ranging from vandalism to property damage have occurred.

Per Council Rules 11 and 12, the rules of decorum cite specific behavior that is necessary for the Council to both “conclude its business as expeditiously as is practicable” and to give an opportunity for the public to give comment that allows for the Council to carry out in a “deliberative process”. These rules enable the Presiding Officer to enforce the Council Rules so long as they remain consistent with the Charter and give the public an opportunity to provide comment.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the General Services Department, Information Technology Agency, the Los Angeles Police Department and any other relevant city departments to report in 30 days on the associated costs related to the damages in Council Chamber having occurred since October 11, 2022, and whether any crime reports related to the damages have been filed. Costs should include the City staff time associated with restoring the damage to the public property in the Chamber. In addition, this should include a report on all staffing costs associated with the Los Angeles Police Department needed to maintain decorum.

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