

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Public Safety Committee: I am writing to urge you to express my concern regarding Hate Crimes and Ableism in the City of Los Angeles. Hate Crime comes in all shapes and forms. Hate Crimes have risen in certain parts of the country. It is imperative that the City of Los Angeles take immediate action on the enforcement of anti-hate measures. The city should do what it can to fight hate crimes, including Ableism and 'Lookism'. As stated in the Motion by council member Katy Yaroslavsky: "Hate crimes are crimes that are motivated by the victim's actual or perceived characteristics including race, ethnicity, religion, gender, disability, or sexual orientation." Ableism is a big problem in Los Angeles. For example, Employers tend to discriminate against anyone they perceive to be disabled and/or who is disabled. It is important that the city of Los Angeles educate the public that Ableism is 'Lookism' are not acceptable. It is discriminatory and it hurts people who are disabled and/or who are perceived to be disabled. For more information on Ableism: <http://www.stopableism.org/p/what-is-ableism.html#> Please, enforce Anti-Hate Laws to STOP people from discriminating against people who are disabled and/or who are perceived to be disabled. Thank you, LIONEL MARES

What Is Ableism?



Ableism – The practices and dominant attitudes in society that devalue and limit the potential of persons with disabilities. A set of practices and beliefs that assign inferior value (worth) to people who have developmental, emotional, physical or psychiatric disabilities.

Disablism - A set of assumptions (conscious or unconscious) and practices that promote the differential or unequal treatment of people because of actual or presumed disabilities.

People who do not have a disability or who are not close to someone who does, might not understand how the world is wired for non-disabled people. It may be invisible to those who do not have disabilities. It is sometimes not intentional, but in certain circumstances, it is very intentional.

An ableist society is said to be one that treats non-disabled individuals as the standard of 'normal living', which results in public and private places and services, education, and social work that are built to serve 'standard' people, thereby inherently excluding those with various disabilities.

Persons with disabilities face many kinds of barriers on a daily basis. These can be physical, attitudinal or systemic.

OPENING DOORS TO DIGNITY

We promote equal access for people with physical disabilities to services, transportation, buildings, businesses, stores, and services.

We advocate that people with physical disabilities should receive the same respect and consideration that able-bodied people receive.

We remove attitudinal and systemic barriers that persons with physical disabilities must handle on a daily basis by educating and talking with able-bodied people.

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"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."

LET'S END DISCRIMINATION

Ableism is discrimination against disabled people. It describes the actions and attitudes against disabled people in favor of people who are not disabled.

IT'S THE LAW

The law is there, in plain sight of everyone. Do you follow the law or do you cite business excuses not to obey The Human Right Code?