

Communication from Public

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Dear Council President Harris-Dawson:

For full-disclosure, I am president of Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council which I have served for approximately 24 years. I am writing to you today as an individual who is also a "local" Angelino, born in this city who has lived here for all my life except for one year living and teaching in Mexico City.

Clearly, I have always been devoted to Los Angeles and our communities and public service. Professionally I have played leadership roles in the hospitality and tourism industry on a local, state, and federal level and I have traveled to over 150 countries.

I have chaired a number of boards serving various institutions representing thousands of people throughout the world.

NEVER in my entire life have I witnessed the volatile and disgraceful behavior of our own citizens at public meetings at City Hall, be it during full Council Meetings or Committees of Council.

It has come to my attention that you may be addressing this hostility by introducing a motion to – at the very least - prohibit the use of the N-word and the C-word during the afore-mentioned meetings. I understand and support free speech and the frustration that many of our stakeholders feel, however I have learned over many years that disruption does not solve anyone's concerns but rather magnifies the problem and prohibits proper discourse and contributions by others.

I am hopeful that this potential motion will be presented and will move forward quickly with the support of the full council. Thank YOU in advance for taking this step to provide a more respectful environment for our community members to participate in local government and feel SAFE doing so.

Respectfully yours,

Anastasia Mann

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