

## Communication from Public

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Dear Council President Harris-Dawson,

As a proud resident of Los Angeles, a descendant of Vietnamese heritage, and a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I am writing to express my deep concern and strong objection to the repeated use of hateful and derogatory language—specifically the N-word and C-word—during recent public meetings held at City Hall.

In all my years of civic engagement, I have never witnessed such volatile, harmful, and deeply disrespectful behavior in an official setting. These public forums should serve as spaces for informed discussion, constructive debate, and shared problem-solving. Instead, they have increasingly become platforms for vitriol and verbal abuse that undermine the integrity of the process and create a hostile, unsafe environment for all participants—especially for people of color, women, and members of marginalized communities.

While I fully support the right to free speech and recognize the anger and frustration many residents may feel, there must be a line when that speech becomes overtly hateful and counterproductive to civic discourse. Allowing hate speech in the chamber not only silences others but also erodes the trust and accessibility that should define our local government.

I understand that you may be considering a motion to prohibit the use of such language during City Council and Committee meetings, and I wholeheartedly support this effort. It is a necessary and overdue step to ensure our public meetings uphold the values of respect, dignity, and inclusion.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to fostering a City Hall that welcomes all Angelenos—where every voice can be heard without fear or intimidation.

Sincerely,

Shane Nguyen

A Proud Angeleno and Resident of Area 5, HHWNC