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To LA City Council,

I am writing as a deeply concerned citizen who wants to be more civically engaged but has been discouraged by the language and conduct displayed during a recent Council Meeting at City Hall. I attended an appointment for the Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission with my father, mother, two teenage sons, and my fiancé, and we witnessed an appalling level of incivility. Countless public speakers resorted to racial slurs and hurled profanities at council members. On multiple occasions, the N-word was shouted by non-black speakers—even as Black Lives Matter members were present in the chamber—creating an environment that was both hostile and deeply divisive.

The atmosphere was so charged that my own mother, visibly upset, leaned over and asked why I was participating in what she referred to as a “circus” as a public figure. Her words expressed both disgust and embarrassment, sentiments that no community member should feel when exercising their right to participate in public affairs.

How much longer do we have to endure this? Council Chambers should be a space where all voices are heard and our time is respected—a true forum for dialogue and problem-solving, not chaos and hostility. I urge Councilmembers to take immediate action by setting and enforcing clear expectations for respectful dialogue and professional conduct. Our community deserves a public forum where every individual feels empowered to contribute without fear of harassment or intimidation.

Sincerely,

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