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Dear Los Angeles City Council,

I trust this message reaches you in strength and clarity. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensuring that Los Angeles stands not just as a city, but as a living, breathing testament to the power of cultural plurality. This city—dynamic, complicated, and endlessly alive—demands leadership that does more than govern; it must safeguard the soul of this place, the vibrancy of its people, the very architecture of its diversity.

Now more than ever, we require a Council that moves with conviction: That denounces rhetoric and behavior meant to fracture, rather than unify. That understands the weight of its platform and refuses to let it be used as a stage for division. The chambers of decision-making must remain sacred spaces that embrace the full spectrum of voices, rather than spaces that allow some to be pushed to the margins while others wield chaos as a weapon.

I write to you not only as a concerned citizen but as a devoted participant in the cultural and economic lifeblood of Los Angeles. This city is defined by movement, history and community. It is the collective will of its many people, refusing to be diminished.

Los Angeles has long been a beacon, setting the bar for what an inclusive, forward-thinking metropolis can be. But aspiration alone is not enough. Council Chambers must reflect the city's highest ideals, not its lowest impulses. There is no space—no tolerance—for performances of hate, for the spectacle of disorder masquerading as discourse. Across the nation, we witness cities grappling with the normalization of divisive, harmful speech. But here, in Los Angeles, we must demand better.

Disagreement is inevitable. Debate is necessary. But dignity must remain intact. We cannot allow the spectacle of the few to jeopardize the security and focus of the many. This Council has already navigated so much—storms weathered, challenges met. And yet, there is more to do. More to build. More to defend.

Keep moving forward. Be brave. Be unwavering in the insistence that public spaces of decision-making remain open, safe, and worthy of the people they serve. Be explicit in stating that hate speech and racism have no place in Council Chambers. We look to you to embody the very best of Los Angeles.

Now is the time to rise to that calling.

In Community,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristine Ono', written over a circular stamp or seal.

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