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Dear Councilmembers,

As a lifelong Angeleno who has been civically engaged, I am writing to express my concern regarding the current negative state of council meetings. Over time, I have seen the meetings become less of a safe environment for residents as division, animosity, and intimidation have risen. The environment does not allow for constructive dialogue, understanding, and empathy – all crucial in building a Los Angeles where everyone can speak their mind and feel secure, especially those Angelenos who most need the city to show up for them. With all the recent developments within the Los Angeles City Council and its elected officials, residents need its government to maintain an environment of trust and safety.

Los Angeles has the potential to be a model of civic engagement, grounded in principles of understanding, inclusivity, and forward movement. We must ensure that our public forums serve as beacons of positive impact, addressing the important issues that affect our residents. I urge you to act by establishing and enforcing clear expectations for dialogue that allow for all voices to be heard and for the city to move forward. All Angelenos deserve to feel safe, heard, and protected.

Let us work together to create a safe environment where all voices can contribute to the positive progress of our city. Our community deserves a space where participation is encouraged, free from fear, hostility, and intimidation. Together, we can foster a public space that truly reflects the diversity and spirit of our city.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter.

Sincerely,

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