Los Angeles Community Church
2100 W 54th Street, L.A. Ca 90062
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Subject: Urgent Concern Regarding Decorum at City Council Meetings

Dear Council,

As an active leader here in the Crenshaw District and the Sr. Pastor of the Los Angeles Community Church, I am writing to express my profound disappointment with the recent conduct at our City Council meetings. The public discourse has devolved into a spectacle of hate speech, profanity, and outright disrespect, which is deeply detrimental to our community.

Our church is dedicated to being a Family of families, doing the work of reconciling people to God and each other, one family at a time, while valuing respectful dialogue and constructive engagement. The current atmosphere in the Council Chambers on the other hand, undermines these values and creates an environment where productive discussion is impossible. Allowing hateful and offensive language to persist not only discourages meaningful participation but also erodes the sense of safety and inclusivity that should be paramount in our public spaces.

We urge you and your fellow Councilmembers to take immediate action to restore order and civility. This includes establishing and enforcing clear standards of decorum, ensuring that all participants feel safe and respected. Our community deserves a forum where diverse viewpoints can be shared without fear of personal attacks or hateful rhetoric.
I implore you to champion a return to respectful dialogue and uphold the values that make our community strong.

Sincerely,

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