

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allison Feenberg

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 06:46 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am horrified at the proposal of creating “acceptable” or designated protest locations. Protesting is not about being convenient or comfortable. It is inherently meant to be a disturbance to bring awareness and pressure about a grievance. What is more frightening is the floodgates this would open for even more extreme restrictions on protest and assembly. There are so many people in government in various parties that would like to silence dissent, and this ordinance lays out the red carpet. If openly embracing You may think this is about safety, and may truly be afraid. But the reality is this law opens the gates to a far greater danger. Free speech is one of our most precious rights. Fascism happens a little at a time. You may think comparing this proposed law to a step inviting fascism to be extreme, and as a history major with a focus on us and European studies, I assure you, it is not. If these points don’t encourage you to rethink your position, I suggest considering the financial implications because this is a lawsuit waiting to happen. Does the city really want to waste funds to defend this? I am so disappointed in the Supervisor’s and Council’s judgement on this matter.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angel L.

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 07:09 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Vote NO on this outrageous measure that adds a 100ft buffer zone—an undeniable assault on the First Amendment. By criminalizing peaceful assembly and protest, this measure serves as nothing more than a blatant attempt to silence the voices of those who dare to speak out against systemic injustice. How dare you push forward legislation that pits law enforcement against the very people they're supposed to protect? This measure is a direct attack on our right to protest at places where it matters most—where institutions of power congregate, often perpetuating the very abuses we're fighting against. The public has a right, no—a duty—to confront these spaces head-on, not be relegated to some distant “safe” zone that protects the powerful from facing the consequences of their actions. These so-called “sensitive sites” aren't the victims here; they're part of the problem. This is a cowardly attempt to shield them from accountability. Take, for example, a protest outside a church that has protected abusers within its ranks. Under this measure, protesters could be pushed back so far that they would be effectively silenced, their message diluted and hidden from those entering the building. This measure would not protect people—it would protect corrupt institutions from being confronted by their own actions. Worse, this buffer could be selectively enforced, with authorities using it as a weapon to shut down protests that challenge those in power while allowing other gatherings to proceed unhindered. This isn't about keeping people safe—it's about keeping them quiet. Instead of silencing us, you should be working with the community to ensure safe, effective protest—not trying to strangle our voices with draconian, unconstitutional restrictions. This measure is nothing but an attack on democracy itself. Shame on anyone who supports it. Vote NO, and stand with the people—not the institutions that fear them. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

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**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 07:10 AM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carly Jerome

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 03:57 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a Los Angeles resident, I condemn this motion and I hope those on the council will reject it. Protesting is a cornerstone to our democracy, and it's guaranteed by the constitution for a reason.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anna Drewitz

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 12:02 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** As an LA City resident, I strongly oppose this motion which would criminalize acts of protest and public demonstration within 100 feet of a religious institution, healthcare facility, educational facility, or community/public facility. Throughout the history of our country, protests have served to amplify the voices of the people in a way that is necessary to make progress. In America, it is not only the right of anyone to protest non-violently, but also their civic responsibility to do so, especially at public and educational facilities. A democracy can only function when the voices of all are heard and protests are an important vehicle for making sure that happens. Almost always, any violence that may occur at a protest is done by outside aggressors and if the City Council adopts this undemocratic and fascist motion to criminalize protests, then they are complicit in taking the side of those aggressors and oppressing the voices of those striving to be heard. I urge the Council to thoroughly consider the harmful impacts of adopting this motion and the precedent it would set for further oppression and authoritarianism in the future.

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Terri

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 12:21 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Protecting our first amendment rights is the core of our country. We the people are entitled to our freedom of self expression on public property when institutions have failed our communities. It is egregious to grant a physical shield from public concerns outside of their \*tax-free\* buildings. Taxpayers pick up the tab and we have a right to voice our opinion on these organizations right in front of them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 12:27 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The motion to criminalize protest near public buildings and other institutions is most likely well intentioned, but not something I can support as a Jewish constituent. Protest in all its forms is protected by the constitution and limiting its locations to places that would be less effective and less visible is deeply against American values. Judaism in its core asks us to question and consider, and this would not be an appropriate way to “protect” Jews in LA. Instead, making strides to detect and prevent hate speech such as anti-Jewish (often conflated with anti-Israel), racist, ethnocentric, sexist, homophobic, etc. language would be far more worthy of everyone’s resources.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jason

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 12:34 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** "I oppose the motion to instate bubble zones around sensitive sites because of concern over criminalizing protest. The First Amendment Right to Free Speech is protected behavior practiced by union workers and members of the public. Criminalizing this behavior necessarily puts community members in harms way and presents new opportunities to have run-ins with the police. Please instead consider a process involving community stakeholders that seeks to address the inaction of LAPD in instances where protesters have been harmed while engaging in protest and civil disobedience. Thank you".

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 12:42 AM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Francisco Barcena

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 12:49 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** The wording of this motion is so broad that it will make it easy to criminalize individuals that are protesting against Israel's war crimes. Raising awareness about the massacres that Israel is committing should not be a crime. This motion encroaches on freedom of speech.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shirley

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 02:27 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose this motion and urge you to vote no. The first amendment right to free speech is protect behavior practiced by union workers and members of the public. The language in the motion is vague and puts into danger our right for freedom of speech and assembly. This motion seems to come at a time to target "anti genocide" protests but you will also be affecting labor unions in the county and their ability to picket during labor disputes. Please instead consider a process involving community stakeholders that seeks to address the inaction of LAPD in instances where protesters have been harmed while engaging in protest and civil disobedience.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** A.L

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 02:31 AM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aaron

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 08:13 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a Jewish Los Angelino, and I strongly oppose this attempt to severely restrict our right to protest.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vanndearlyn

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 08:14 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Freedom of speech is a FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution. Why are you trying to criminalize people who are exercising their fundamental constitutional right? This ordinance would violate the first amendment by restricting free speech and should NOT be passed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 08:16 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed ordinance is an asinine erosion of the right to protest and an unacceptable expansion of the ability for law enforcement to harass peaceful demonstration, which is a waste of taxpayer money. Please do not consider moving forward with this.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 07:59 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Freedom of speech is the right to express opinions and ideas without fear of punishment, retaliation, or censorship from the government. It's a principle that's protected in the United States by the First Amendment of the Constitution, as well as many state and federal laws. Protests are an expression of freedom of speech in action, and have historically been used in this country to defend the rights of the oppressed. In a city as diverse as Los Angeles, passing ordinances such as these harms and penalizes our communities and will lead to wider spread fear as opposed to safety. I urge you to do what's just and right. Let the people speak.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 08:01 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** As an LA county resident, I strongly oppose case file 24-0910, which infringes on right to free speech and protest.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Liliana Beltran

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 08:04 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear La city council members, I as a born and raised Angelino oppose the motion to instate bible zones around sensitive sites because of concern over criminalizing protest. The first amendment right to free speech is protected by union and members of the public. Criminalizing this behavior necessarily puts community members in harms way & presents new opportunities to have run-ins with the police. Please instead, consider a process involving community stakeholders that seek to address the inaction of LAPD engaging in protest & civil disobedience. Thank you. Liliana Beltran

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wesleigh Gates

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 07:31 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly urge the council members to reject this motion, which is an attack on our rights to free speech and freedom of assembly. I am particularly concerned as a university student and a union member, as this motion would prevent any demonstrations on campus regarding labor disputes or any other important issue, including and especially the ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people. Having watched my students be brutalized by police for exercising their right to protest even without this motion in place, I am terrified of the impacts this motion would have: a chilling effect on political speech and organizing efforts, the expansion of already overreaching and overfunded police forces, and increased criminalization of vulnerable populations including Black Americans, Arab Americans, and queer and trans Americans. I urge you in the strongest of terms to reject this assault on the rights of your constituents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Lee

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 07:33 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Protest is free speech protected under the first amendment. By passing this, you are blatantly putting barriers that limit where and how the people can speak. Do not pass this motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 07:42 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am making a public comment that I feel this is a bad policy and an infringement on First Amendment rights. I, as a Jew, am also furious that my faith is being used as a justification for such a policy. The Colorado law, after which 24-0910 is fashioned, is already facing legal challenges and is likely to be heading to the Supreme Court. Keep our right to peacefully protest strong. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amber

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 07:18 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a waste of tax payer money and has the very real potential to effect thousands of members of labor unions who engage in pickets and protests in the event of labor disputes

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**Name:** Sophia

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**Name:** Olivia Blydenburgh

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Beckett Frei

**Date Submitted:** 09/10/2024 08:53 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to strongly oppose the motion to instate bubble zones around "sensitive sites" and effectively criminalize protest in certain spaces. This is an appalling violation of the First Amendment right to free speech, justified by a story based off lies, misinformation, the demonization of protesters, and tacit support for genocide. Criminalizing this behavior put community members in harm's way and presents new opportunities for violent police encounters. Please instead consider a process involving community stakeholders that seeks to address the inaction of LAPD in instances where protesters have been harmed while engaging in protest and civil disobedience.