

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gerry

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 10:16 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** 1st Amendment is Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Assembly. Fascists and Zionists know if Kamala Harris is elected, there will be massive protests in LA and throughout the US demanding the genocide to end. This isn't a 1984 Orwell reality that the public will tolerate or allow to develop.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Johnny H.

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 10:17 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Vote NO on this motion, which is a blatant violation of the First Amendment. In criminalizing protest and dissent, this motion unjustly pits our police force against our community members for acting on our inalienable right to free speech. We have a civic duty and a right to inform and educate the public on all vital issues where ever we may be, and to voice our opposition to any force of systemic violence and human rights abuses (especially institutions that perpetuate such ruthlessness). These "sensitive sites" may turn a blind eye or a deaf ear as they may, but it is not in the civic interest of Angelenos to help them do so. Instead, please consider another process involving community stakeholders that seeks to collaborate with the LAPD -- to ensure the safety of protesters in the wider community, and to promote sound and responsible protest and civil disobedience. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Vargas

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 11:29 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the motion to instate bubble zones around sensitive sites because of concern over criminalizing protest. Free speech is a first amendment right that protects union workers and community members. Increasing the opportunities for run-ins with the police is dangerous for community. Instead of criminalizing protest, consider a process involving community stakeholders that seek to address the inaction of LAPD in instances where protestors have been purposely harmed when engaging in civil disobedience.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 11:33 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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:** Camille Kolodziejski

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 11:45 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear council banning protesting near all sorts of important buildings is horrible horrible policy. Let's not forget that some of our most valuable freedoms were won via protest, including ongoing union organizing (around many healthcare, religious and governmental buildings). To protest is as American as apple pie and by supporting legislation to ban it you are opening our city up to potential lawsuits around free speech and citizen's rights. Ignoring all that, you'll spark far greater protests which will of course spiral into costs as cops riot against peaceful protesters in the name of your new law. Do not ban protesting in Los Angeles County! Do not restrict the places a protest can or can't happen, as you're limited the rights of your citizens. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Greg

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 10:51 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** This proposed measure is a criminalization of protest and it is truly a terrifying act on the part of city council and should be seen as nothing other than a step towards authoritarianism and a clear cut example of outlawing freedom of speech, a constitutional right. This is an ideologically driven measure aimed to silence critics of the on going genocide in Palestine and it will not go unchecked. There are countless examples of protests that have remained peaceful save for the interventions of counter protestors or police who have ratcheted up levels of violence and led to disruption of public safety. Time and time again history has shown that those involved in peaceful protest are on the right side of history and that it is the repression of these voices that leads to further civil strife and endangers our democracy. I urge you to vote no on this measure.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jaya Bhumitra

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 10:54 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** This motion, if passed, would effectively criminalize protest. Criminalizing protest is a blatant disregard for our first amendment, free speech rights, and would affect labor movements, reproductive justice movements, and many other movements in addition to the pro-Palestine movement, which this potential law aims to suppress. Protesting is a fundamental right and we should be allowed to express our voices.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amin El Gamal

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 10:59 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a longtime Angeleno, I urge you to vote against this or any ordinance criminalizing protest. I am disgusted that such a fundamentally un-American thing would even be on the table. It's embarrassing enough that our city can't even get a ceasefire motion passed—now you want to stifle the voices of your most vulnerable constituents? This is in total bad faith, completely racist, and very dangerous.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 11:02 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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:** Ellen Nielsen

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 11:03 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** As an IATSE union member, I am absolutely horrified by Councilmembers Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield's motion to create "bubble zones" where protest will be illegal around public buildings within the city of LA. Peaceful assembly is a First-Amendment right. This motion would infringe on our basic civil liberties and limit our power to picket. Two weeks ago, the LA City Council approved \$44.1 million in police liability settlements. Now they are seeking to empower that same police force to unconstitutionally arrest activists and striking workers who are already risking their safety and livelihood to stand up for their beliefs. This motion is clearly an effort to silence voices of dissent in traditional public forums, and anyone in support of basic human rights will oppose it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Titi

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:54 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the motion to instate bubble zones around sensitive sites because of the 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. Instead, please 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:** Jessica Wineberg

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 10:03 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the proposed ordinance to restrict the public's right to protest. Anger does not equal violence. There is nothing wrong with protests even if you disagree with them. It will be harmful to civic life. Please stop it with policies that punish people who don't have the money to express themselves in the genteel way. It's not fair. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Georgia B

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 10:06 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the motion to instate bubble zones around sensitive sites. I am concerned about criminalizing protest. The first amendment right to free speech is protected behavior practiced by union workers and members of the public. Criminalizing protest is criminalizing free speech. Criminalizing protest puts community members at risk when exercising their right to free speech. 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:** Amanda Johansen

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 10:09 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed ordinance to restrict protests within 100 feet of public buildings, religious institutions, and healthcare facilities is deeply concerning and an infringement on the constitutional rights of Los Angeles residents. Free speech, the right to peacefully assemble, and the ability to protest are fundamental freedoms that should not be arbitrarily restricted, especially around important civic and community spaces. This ordinance would severely limit the ability of people to exercise their First Amendment rights and make their voices heard on important issues. Relegating protests to designated "buffer zones" far from the locations where they could have the most impact and visibility undermines the very purpose of public demonstrations. Furthermore, this ordinance could disproportionately impact marginalized communities who may rely on protest and advocacy to fight for their rights and against injustice. Restricting access to key public institutions and houses of worship infringes on the ability of these groups to effectively organize and make their concerns known. While the stated intent may be to ensure safety and accessibility, there are already laws in place to address disruptive or dangerous behavior. This broad restriction on protest activity is an unnecessary and unconstitutional overreach that will silence important public discourse. I strongly urge the city council to reconsider this proposed ordinance and protect the fundamental freedoms of all Los Angeles residents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:46 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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 seek 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:** 09/09/2024 09:46 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Don't impede on our first amendment rights! Protect our freedoms. We don't want this law. It's un American. So unconstitutional to block protesting.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dani Marzouca

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:49 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I just witnessed the rescue of living human beings who were buried alive by US 2,000 pound bombs followed by the news that my city council wants to criminalize my right to protest the extermination of my own people. Shame on Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield for burdening the people with the labor of correcting their fck ups. This is such a waste of all of our time and resources all to protect your entitlement to parceling and selling my homeland. Not only is this shameful, it's utterly unlawful in both international courts and our own constitution and you know it. May you come to feel the depths of your depravity and resign. This response to criminalize your consitutents rather than listen to what they're protesting for—a full divestment from the apartheid state—is just further proof that you don't serve the people, but corporate interests. This path of mutual destruction can be rectified. Withdraw this ordinance, commit to a ceasefire resolution and divest from military occupation abroad and here in Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yusef

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:50 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** As citizens of the United States, we have the right to protest enshrined to us in our constitution. As citizens of this free country, we are allowed to protest where and when we see fit, such as when illegal real estate sales events are happening, no matter where they are held. Shame on you for considering taking away the rights of your constituents rather than upholding international law.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** T. Hammidi

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:41 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the motion to instate bubble zones around sensitive sites because of concern over criminalizing protest. 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. 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. In addition, the LAPD as well as campus municipalities are not sufficiently equip to deal with conflict in a non-harmful way. This is a time for dialogue, not for the harm this policy will create. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** sam

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:43 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I OPPOSE the motion to the so called public safety ordinance that limits our rights to protest freely. Do not criminalize protests, do not infringe on our right to organize and protest. The legal challenges that will follow these ordinances will be an ADDITIONAL waste of OUR tax payer money.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Austin Hooten

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:34 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

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

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:32 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the motion to instate bubble zones around sensitive sites because of concerns over protests. We have the first amendment right to free speech and it is a protected behavior for union workers and members of the public. Criminalizing this behavior would put community members in harms way and may present opportunities for run-ins with law enforcement. 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 protests. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vivienne EDWARDS

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:32 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Vote no on creating bubble zones around sensitive sites. Instead of criminalizing peaceful protests, please vote to support first amendment rights and instead, create items for consideration that encourage police and community organizers working together to keep protesters and anti protesters safe.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dorina

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:34 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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. This motion is unconstitutional. Please instead consider a process involving community stakeholders that seeks to address the inaction of LAPD in instances where protesters and journalists have been harmed while engaging in protest and civil disobedience. You could also criminalize and enforce taking bribes (campaign contributions) from foreign lobbyists like AIPAC. Thank you.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:35 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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 unnecessarily 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 very much.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 05:12 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the motion to instate bubble zones around sensitive sites because of concern over criminalizing protest. This motion infringes upon the First amendment right to free speech, which is protected behavior practiced by union workers and members of the public. Criminalizing this behavior will put our 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:** Stephanie

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:03 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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 unnecessarily 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:** Roberto Antonio Valle

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 05:34 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the motion to instate bubble zones around sensitive sites because of concern over criminalizing protest/free speech. The First Amendment right to free speech is protected behavior practiced by all members of the public. Criminalizing this behavior puts community members in harms way, creates new opportunities for police to overreact and violently escalate situations. 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, respectfully and without violence, in protest and civil disobedience. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brittany Accardu

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 05:35 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the motion to instate bubble zones around sensitive sites because of concern over criminalizing protest. The 1st 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 inaction of LAPD in instances where protestors have been harmed while engaging in protest and civil disobedience. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paul

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 05:37 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Subject: Opposition to Proposed Ordinance Council President Paul Krekorian and Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the ordinance recently introduced by Councilwoman Young Yaroslavsky and Councilman Blumenfield, which was presented by the City Council's Public Safety Committee. I believe that this particular ordinance threatens the fundamental rights of Americans who have fought for our freedom of speech, press, assembly, and expression. If enacted, this ordinance could lead to costly lawsuits for the city, burdening taxpayers and potentially violating the First Amendment of the federal constitution. Furthermore, it may divert resources from addressing violent and serious crimes to focusing on nonviolent, minor infractions. In my view, any politician who restricts the right to protest and free speech poses a hindrance to our democracy and republicanism, regardless of their political or ideological affiliation. I urge you to carefully consider the potential implications of this proposed ordinance and hope that you will take my concerns into account. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Sincerely, Paul Murphy

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tareq Reza Ali

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 05:41 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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:** Maisoon Afaneh

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 05:11 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose this motion because it is baseless in its justification. Criminalizing protest is an infringement on First Amendment right to free speech for all members of the public! This will actually put community members in harms ways with the police force, which will turn them into forces of oppression instead of protecting the community! This is very UnAmerican and very disappointing! Shame on LA if it passes such disgraceful action!



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 05:11 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I ask you not to pass this ordinance as it would severely impact the first amendment rights of LA city and county residents. This ordinance would affect thousands of union members across the city limiting their ability to strike. This ordinance would also result in legal challenges against the city wasting tax dollars. Please to not impact the first amendment rights of Angelenos.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Priestly

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 05:01 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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:** Ethan Friedland

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 04:01 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** This proposed ordinance is an egregious attack on our first amendment right, specifically "the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." The prohibition of flyering and the distribution of leaflets, for example, attacks a fundamental means by which unions educate their coworkers and campaign for higher pay and benefits. Similarly, parents frequently campaign to improve K through 12 schooling by distributing leaflets near the entrances to public buildings. The proposed ordinance must be rejected, unless we are prepared to fully abandon our commitment to freedom of speech, and the many benefits this fundamental right provides to workers, parents, and our community at large.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ezra Levinson

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 04:47 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a Jewish resident of Greater LA, I strongly oppose any effort to stifle legitimate protest or criminalize our community members. Our First Amendment rights are critically important. Free speech and freedom of assembly cannot be set aside – especially not in a politicized attempt to stifle principled anti-Zionist protest while Israel carries out a genocide. As the Rabbi Mitchell Salem Fisher insightfully wrote and prayed: “Make us know that the border of Thy sanctuary is not the border of living and the walls of Thy temples are not shelters from the winds of truth, justice and reality.” Criminalization of protest is unacceptable, Councilmembers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Charlotte

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 04:38 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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 harm's 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. This motion could easily be applied to labor organizers or workers picketing in front of their workplace. There's a long and well-documented history of LAPD violently brutalizing workers for this type of protest. The language is intentionally broad, including criminalizing "place[s] of public assemblage." This could apply to any location: parks, workplaces, city buildings. The motion can be easily weaponized against any form of dissent. The motion is in service of increasing policing's power in this city. The inclusion of parameters confining protest will demand the expansion of surveillance capabilities to monitor protesters. It will also embolden police with more codifications to justify their violently quashing dissent. Laws prohibiting protest are always selectively enforced, with Black communities historically bearing the brunt of this criminalization. This motion will produce the same racist outcomes that laws targeting dissent always have. Furthermore, this motion cynically weaponizes efforts to protect abortion access to target protesters. We've seen the suppression of protest exercised against community members here in LA following the overturning of Roe v Wade. Additionally, on the topic of abortion - This motion also would make educating the public about their abortion rights and locations where they can seek abortions in LA a misdemeanor, based on the language: "prohibit a person or persons from knowingly approaching another person within eight feet of such a facility without consent for the purpose of passing a leaflet or handbill, displaying a sign, engaging in protest, education or counseling in the public right-of-way within a 100-foot radius of an entrance to the types of locations listed above". As a community health worker and abortion doula this is something myself and my peers do on a regular basis, especially around

warning people about predatory crisis pregnancy centers. This would essentially criminalize most community health communication which is a core element of public health promotion. This motion will prevent student groups from sharing information about campus resources, upcoming elections, registering to vote, how to get involved with their union or student government, among other things. It will essentially criminalize community engagement and community-building activities that are at the core of all university settings. Without the ability to share health information freely on campuses regarding substance use, sexual health, and psychological support services, this legislation will directly lead to worse mental and physical health outcomes during what the CDC has labeled a mental health crisis among U.S. youth. Criminalizing community engagement activities, such as voter registration initiatives and education around local and national elections, will decrease campus involvement and increase inequities that already exist around voter registration, access and use of community resources, and employment opportunities. This legislation prevents residents of Los Angeles from being informed and engaged in local politics and contributing to your re-election. It will also negatively impact enrollment at CA universities as many students will not apply to or enroll at a university where they know they will not be able to freely share and receive information and legally engage in the university community. Please consider the way this motion impedes democratic rights, and listen to the people in your community who will be most affected by this!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angela

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:48 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the motion to instate bubble zones around sensitive sites due to concern over criminalizing protest. This would severely infringe first amendment rights. Criminalizing this behavior puts community members in harm's way and presents new opportunities for run ins with the police. Instead, please consider a process involving community stakeholders that seeks to address the inaction of the LAPD in instances where protestors have been harmed while engaging in protest and civil disobedience. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kimberly L.

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:48 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Criminalizing protests (our first amendment right) is disgusting, disgraceful, and would have a supremely negative impact on the 800,000 union members in LA. The CO law after which this one has been fashioned is facing and will continue to face legal challenges, as will this if it is wrongfully passed.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:56 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose this motion. Our right to protest should be protected at all costs. Please do not endanger the lives of citizens just wanting to protest for freedom and liberation of all peoples by involving the LAPD. LAPD always brings violence to nonviolent protests and fail to protect protesters from violent anti-protesters.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:56 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I've just heard of the proposal to criminalize protest in certain areas and find it extremely alarming. Our forefathers and mothers protested for their right to vote and to end segregation, and without this ability where would we be? This feels totalitarian and quite sinister. We must be able to express our first amendment rights in the locations where the relevant parties will see and feel the impact of their actions.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eric

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:57 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am against this resolution to limit the ability of public protest. It is an overreach that directly goes against free speech and expression.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:01 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the motion because of concern over criminalizing protest. The first amendment right to free speech is protected behavior. Criminalizing this behavior puts the community in harms way to have run ins with the police. Please instead consider addressing the inaction of LAPD in instances where protestors have been harmed while engaging in protest. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:14 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** This ordinance to criminalize peaceful protest undermines the civil rights of Los Angeles County residents and will affect many organizations and their right to public demonstration. Our teachers, nurses, entertainment workers, and many other union workers that make up the fabric of Los Angeles will be affected by this policy. 800,000 union workers! Some protests can be controversial or upsetting. But the response to such protests cannot be to create a blanket policy that violates the constitutional rights of Angelenos, financially burdens individuals exercising their right to protest, and severely impedes freedom of peaceful assembly. This legislation runs the risk of costing the county serious money in litigation. This is bad policy. It would be impossible to participate in public demonstration in a large and busy city like Los Angeles without somehow, even unknowingly, being within 100 feet of an educational center, a medical facility, public facility, or religious institution. This ordinance is written in bad faith to allow police to illegally prevent or prematurely disrupt peaceful public demonstration and to intimidate Los Angeles residents who may want to publicly assemble. You know better. Reject these types of ordinances.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:16 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Making it a misdemeanor to protest within 100ft of a religious institution, school, healthcare facility or public/community facility will essentially make it a misdemeanor to protest at all in LA. Most protests take place immediately outside or onsite of a public, educational or healthcare facility. This will vastly impact union workers who picket, such as teachers, nurses, and workers on college campuses. This motion severely undermines the public's right to peaceful protest and I honestly can't believe this motion is even coming before the council. Please vote no or risk eroding a vital tool for public and labor organizing against injustices.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:18 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the motion to instate "bubble zones" around sensitive sites because of concerns 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 unnecessarily puts community members in harm's way and presents new opportunities to have unintended interactions 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:** Angelina Morales

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:21 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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:** Sana Hashmi

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:27 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am against the passage of any ordinance that would make it a misdemeanor crime to protest within 100 feet of a religious institution, healthcare facility, educational facility or community/public facility. This prohibits our First Amendment Rights - it endangers our freedom of speech, the freedom of assembly, AND encroaches on the right to petition the government for redress of grievances. I believe this can and will be easily abused; for instance it can prohibit labor unions from engaging in pickets and protests in the event of a labor dispute. I refuse to have my rights criminalized.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:51 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm deeply concerned that this ordinance will effectively criminalize the exercise of free speech. There are already numerous limitations on where public demonstrations can be held, and it's routine to see LASD and LAPD meet nonviolent action with force. Adding more restrictions of where the public's voice can be heard will only increase the amount of violence that peaceful protestors already experience simply trying to exercise their rights. Protestors aren't allowed to trespass. They aren't allowed to be violent, to assault others, or damage property. I empathize with the desire to keep everyone safe, but criminalization by creating a comically large buffer zone is not a solution. There are countless protests that the bulk of Americans look at now with pride that would have been illegal if this ordinance were around. The East LA Walkouts in 1968? The hard-fought wage increases that nurses who toiled during the worst of the pandemic won? The countless pray-ins at churches and wade-ins at public swimming pools during the civil rights era? None of that would be possible. I urge the Council to speak more to the community and engage with activists in a meaningful way before putting such limitations on everyone's freedom.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Taylor

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:54 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of CD5 and I am writing to voice my opposition to Council File 11-0002-S58 which would establish the unconstitutional “protest bubbles” throughout the city. Residents of Los Angeles and CD5 have a right to safety, but this motion will not do that. Instead, this motion would likely lead to more violence and assault. Instead, this motion would give police the right to harass and abuse our working class communities while exercising their first amendment rights. I am disappointed that Katy Yaraslovsky, a city councilor supposedly allied with labor, has introduced this motion. This motion would hurt labor by preventing workers’ right to picket, to flier and leaflet, and would effectively choke many of our unions from being able to defend our rights and working conditions. I am also surprised that the City Council would consider a motion that so flagrantly violates our constitutional rights as citizens. There are several rights afforded in the first amendment and this motion infringes upon several of them: our freedom of speech, our freedom of assembly, and our freedom to petition. Even just bringing it to the floor of the City Council for debate, would set an extremely dangerous legal precedent for Los Angeles to undercut our rights even further as well as giving other cities the green light to suppress all political speech and movements.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cassandra Garcia

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 08:59 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly 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, students, and members of the public. Criminalizing this behavior necessarily puts community members in harms way and presents new opportunities to be targeted by the police who have historically tried to oppress the public voice with violence and terror. Please instead consider a process involving community stakeholders that seeks to address the inaction of LAPD in instances where protestors have been engaging in protest and civil disobedience.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dane

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:02 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop this unconstitutional law. The first amendment is in place to protect *\*all\** speech. It's in place *\*precisely\** to protect the speech and assembly that people are most uncomfortable or inconvenient.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daisy Klink

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:07 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the motion to in-state 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 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:** 09/09/2024 09:08 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm really disappointed in the council for introducing this motion. You are using the red herrings of safety and anti-semitism to further criminalize and limit protesting, an act that is central to any democratic society. Protest has already been limited enough in this wanna-be democratic society-- now you want to criminalize it more and limit where and when people can practice their constitutional right. It's interesting you claim to believe in democracy until it opposes something you like. I oppose the idea to instate bubble zones around sensitive sites because of concern about this equating to more criminalization of protest, which LAPD already does amply. The First Amendment right to free speech is protected behavior practice 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 protestors have been harmed while engaging in protest and civil disobedience. Latest news articles show that it was JEWISH folks and allies who protested at the Pico-Robertson synagogue and they were not protesting the synagogue but the people inside that were wanting to sell property in Israel, including property in illegal settlement in Palestinian territories. Counterprotester Zionists were the ones to begin the violence against Jewish protestors, not the other way around. We do not need to give more power to LAPD to quell citizens' rights.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Myra

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:09 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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:** 09/09/2024 09:13 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I STRONGLY OPPOSE the proposed policy to classify peaceful protest within 100 feet of of a religious institution, healthcare facility, educational facility, or community/public facility a criminal offense (misdemeanor). The timing and unwritten intent of this motion is extremely apparent as peaceful student protests across the nation have called for a cease-fire in Gaza. Such a policy undermines the rich legacies of student protests and union labor organizing that have led to countless civil freedoms we now take for granted. This motion is anti-union and anti-first amendment. The entire country looks to the City of Los Angeles as a moral compass and policy thought leader. Such this pass, a ripple effect will ensue leading to roll backs on basic freedoms across the country. Stand by your most vulnerable residents, workers, students, and neighbors. Drop this motion immediately.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:19 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Vote NO on this Motion. I would like to express my opposition to this motion as it not only infringes on our right to freedom of speech and assembly, but the motion itself also lacks clarity in how it defines "obstruction" and "impediment." The definitions of these two defining words that create the foundation of this motion could be interpreted too broadly, potentially leading to this motion being used to justify government/police overreach and/or abuse in any instance they classify as "obstruction or impediment." This motion is a ridiculous, not clearly thought out write up that could hold serious future implications on every Angelenos' right to freedom of speech and assembly by manipulating our constitutional rights into a misdemeanor crime. We have the right to protest and/or strike on behalf of standing up to employment injustices, social movements, and for individual/collective beliefs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:20 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** To criminalize protest is a violation of our constitution!! Do not fall prey to the money in the room asking you to criminalize the voice of the people in public spaces. Do what is right and just, lest you contribute to the erosion of our rights little by little, until they are gone.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elana Esquivel

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:25 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** This ordinance violates our Constitutional Rights as Americans. To push this through is spitting in the face of democracy. LA deserves better.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** DL

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:26 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a gross infringement on our right to protest and free speech as citizens and will affect so many more groups of people who need to make their voices heard for various purposes from union strikes to combating police brutality to protesting the ongoing genocide against Palestinians and more! This attempt to protect one group also disgustingly silences members of that same group such as members of Jewish Voices for Peace, among many others. All groups deserve protections and no one should experience hate but to pass this under the guise of protection when it will cause a large population of people you serve to go unprotected is asinine. If you pass this, you ought to be ashamed of yourselves!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jasmine Luna

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:29 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the motion to instate bubble zones around sensitive sites because of concern over criminalizing protests. The First Amendment right to free speech is protected behavior practiced by union workers and members of the public. The idea of criminalizing the right to free speech is unlawful and horrific. Please be civil and continue to allow the expression of free speech in Los Angeles. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 09:29 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sabrina Rainsbury-Silva

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 07:12 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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 puts community members in harms way and presents new risk for conflict escalation with increased policing. Please instead consider a process of 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:** Alice Pavlisko

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 07:17 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing in strong opposition to file 24-0910. Once again, the council is trying to slip in a motion that will grossly violate Los Angeles residents' 1st amendment rights. Trying to literally dress up the terrible motion from last month in new clothes to see if it will slip through. The last motion was in violation of Civil Rights and First Amendment Rights and so is this one. You're not fooling anyone; you are trying to shut down protest. If you had ANY motivation to actually protect your constituents from violence, you would prosecute the well-documented pro-Israel mobs that consistently show up to protests looking to intimidate and assault ANTI-GENOCIDE protestors. Security and law enforcement are always present at demonstrations and do NOTHING to protect the public. Stop wasting our tax dollars on law enforcement and start investing in actual social services that would benefit the city. What this City Council should be doing is DIVESTING from Israel's genocide, DIVESTING from Israel's illegal settlements. Stop brutalizing and criminalizing your constituents who are standing up for humanity to stop the genocide and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people. YOU work for US - vote no, stop giving our rights away. We won't trade our real freedom for fake safety.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 07:19 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Vote no!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elisa Foster

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 07:19 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, Passing these ordinances criminalizing protest is dangerous and absolutely the wrong move for Los Angeles. Criminalizing protest is a slippery slope toward increasing repression. We need to be able to exercise our right to peacefully protest, especially as Americans throughout this country are seeing more and more of their hard won rights taken away. Please do NOT pass these ordinances. Please stand with the people and preserve this incredibly important right to peaceful protest. Thank you, Elisa Foster

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carol Ayres

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 07:29 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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:** Nicole Shrieves

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 07:31 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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:** Brit Kinnard

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 07:32 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Peaceful protest in public spaces is our right. Stop wasting our time and tax dollars on this nonsensical circus of militarized police and brutality, and start HELPING us reach a quality of life you seem to be hellbent on reserving for a very selective few. WE PAY YOUR SALARIES, YOU WORK FOR US.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lauren Guillen

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 07:38 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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 puts community members in danger of being harmed 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:** 09/09/2024 07:39 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** criminalizing protest is unamerican and undermines our civil rights



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 07:40 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Protesting and organizing in public is part of our constitutional rights as Americans along with as human beings. I personally, as a taxpayer funding many of the buildings and salaries of institutions this motion attempts to make criminal to publicly organize near, entirely oppose this motion. Not only does it criminalize our constitutional rights, but it seems wildly coincidental this motion appears after a litany of violent attempts by the Los Angeles police, UC police, and highway patrol to silence the voices of Los Angeles, Californian, and American citizens. Anyone considering the perceived benefits of this motion has clearly never had to interact with police while publicly organizing. It's disgraceful this is following those events. The time and energy used to get this motion traction would have been much better served writing a motion that would provide consequences to police officers that attack student protestors or protestors of any group. Shame on the Los Angeles community for even considering this motion to have legitimate concerns regarding public organization near religious or health institutions when it's clear and only goal, when enforced, will be to silence constituents of Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Frankie

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:18 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I expect very little from the LA City Council, but this is beyond the pale, even for such a corrupt gang of landlords. You do absolutely nothing about the LASD gangs, nothing to help the homeless, you stand by while landlords evict starving families—& yet, as soon as you get mad about a protest, you rush to destroy the First Amendment. This proposal should never even have been written. It must not be passed. Anyone who votes in favor of this is a gutless, brainless coward.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wallace Melton

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:19 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** LASD Gang Member

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:19 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a proud member of an LA Sherriff's Deputy gang, I applaud this measure to outlaw public protest. Great work, everyone. What a totally legal, principled, & non-corrupt proposal!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexander Mujica

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:22 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear LA City Council, My name is Alexander Mujica. I am a constituent from La Verne, California, and I just wanted to write in here to express how deeply concerned I am about this motion that has the potential to pass. I strongly oppose the motion scheduled for a vote on September 10 because I am very worried about its implications for protestors, activists, and individuals in our community who wish to express their criticisms of their local government. The proposed motion aims to broadly criminalize protests in Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles. If enacted, it would make it a misdemeanor to protest within 100 feet of religious institutions, healthcare facilities, educational institutions, or community/public spaces. The language used in the motion is deliberately vague, potentially encompassing any location designated for public gathering, such as parks, workplaces, and city buildings. This could be misused to suppress any type of dissent. If approved, this motion could significantly affect the 800,000 members of labor unions in LA County, particularly those involved in pickets and protests during labor disputes. There is a documented history of the LAPD using excessive force against workers participating in labor protests. Additionally, this motion may also criminalize protests related to abortion rights and racial justice. Laws against protesting are often applied selectively, disproportionately impacting Black communities, which have historically faced harsher consequences for dissent. This motion will produce the same racist outcomes that laws targeting dissent always have. This motion will hinder student organizations from disseminating information about campus resources, upcoming elections, voter registration, and opportunities to engage with their union or student government. It effectively criminalizes essential community engagement and relationship-building activities that are fundamental to university environments. By restricting the sharing of health information related to substance use, sexual health, and mental health support services, this legislation is likely to contribute to deteriorating mental and physical health among students, especially during the mental health crisis identified by the CDC among young people in the U.S. Let's be clear, this motion does nothing to protect any marginalized group. Recently, city council members Ms. Yaroslavsky and Mr. Blumenfield have promoted this motion

under the pretense of addressing Antisemitism, but it does not address Antisemitism. Rather, this motion will just suppress any form of dissent or protest. This motion will empower the LAPD to target activists, union members, protestors, and community members. This motion infringes on our freedom of expression, and if we value democracy, we must ensure that our right to express ourselves is neither restricted nor criminalized. I appreciate your time! Alexander Mujica

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:25 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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 harm's 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 protestors have been harmed while engaging in protest and civil disobedience. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sasha Ali

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:33 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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:** Te’ Amir Sweeney

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:34 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**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:** CK

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:36 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** This ordinance, in a blue city and a blue state, is an outrage. It is contrary to the first amendment, and contrary to democracy, contrary to civil rights. As a democratic voter in Los Angeles, I strongly believe in the right to protest and demonstration—this is how the gears of history have turned forward throughout the history of the united states. The law, if codified, will be challenged repeatedly (rightfully) and waste huge amounts of taxpayer dollars.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** CB

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:39 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the committee to vote NO on this motion as written. This is clearly intended to limit legitimate political protest and is not about protecting houses of worship, schools, or hospitals. Antisemitism and Islamaphobia are real problems, but this motion does not look to solve that, but rather further criminalize Palestinian protests aimed at human rights abuses. Additionally, the restrictiveness of this bubble zone is shocking and the repercussions this could have on labor and student activism are potentially infringing on rights guaranteed under the First Amendment. This motion will set the city up for a law suit that it will lose in court and continue to cost the city tons of money that we are not budgeted for. I urge the committee to vote NO as written or to refer this to the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department for a report back on how these bubble zones will impact legitimate protest.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eva Aguila Fansler

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:40 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 09/09/2024 06:43 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0910

**Comments for Public Posting:** This bill is a massive breach of our right to protest. This is extremely disappointing coming from someone who have lived here almost their entire lives. Let's be real on the reason why you don't want anyone protesting, we saw what you did to those students a couple months ago...we saw what you did in 2020. I am not surprised that this is the route you want to go, but you cannot go taking away our rights as in the Constitution.