

Communication from Public

Name: Aly M

Date Submitted: 09/16/2024 01:53 PM

Council File No: 24-0910

Comments for Public Posting: I am extremely alarmed by this proposal which makes it a misdemeanor to protest in public spaces, within a 100 foot radius of educational, healthcare, religious and public buildings, and 8 feet from any bystander. Not only does this make it ridiculously difficult to protest here in the city of L.A. without breaking the law, it infringes on some of our most important rights in a democracy: freedom of speech and freedom to assemble. We're almost a year into Israel's genocide, and the IOF and settlers are increasing their violent attacks against Palestinian families, farmers, children, teachers and healthcare workers in the West Bank. After the violence that police, Zionists and pro-Israel demonstrators have unleashed on peaceful anti-genocide protestors (including students!) here in Los Angeles and around the country, this is a dangerous move that I believe is designed to stifle people who are not just exercising their right to protest, but who are calling out human rights abuses here in L.A. and around the world. Instead of criminalizing peaceful protestors, you should be protecting them from violent agitators. Not to mention that this will also affect unions and labor movements and our right to picket in public. We have so many other causes we need to spend our money on and this where you want to spend it? You'll be diverting valuable resources away from areas that truly need them. Shame on Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield for proposing this motion and shame on all the council members who are considering approving it.

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Name: Amin El Gamal
Date Submitted: 09/16/2024 01:18 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: This is a cynical, anti-democratic attempt at further stifling support public for Palestine. LA should be ashamed that it is even being considered.

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Name: Aly M

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Comments for Public Posting: I am extremely alarmed by this proposal which makes it a misdemeanor to protest in public spaces, within a 100 foot radius of certain places. This infringes on some of our most important rights in a democracy: freedom of speech and freedom to assemble. We're almost a year into Israel's genocide, and the IOF and settlers are increasing their violent attacks against Palestinian families, farmers, children, teachers and healthcare workers in the West Bank. After the violence that police, Zionists and pro-Israel demonstrators have unleashed on peaceful anti-genocide protestors (including students!) here in Los Angeles and around the country, this is a dangerous move that I believe is designed to stifle people who are not just exercising their right to protest, but who are calling out human rights abuses here in L.A. and around the world. This will also affect unions and labor movements and our right to picket in public. We have so many other causes we need to spend our money on and this where you want to spend it? You'll be diverting valuable resources away from areas that truly need them. Shame on Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield for proposing this motion and shame on all the council members who are considering approving it.

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Name: Marie Mawji

Date Submitted: 09/16/2024 03:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As an IATSE union member, and as the wife of a SAG-AFTRA union member, I am appalled by Councilmembers Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield's motion to create 'bubble zones' around public buildings within the city of LA. To make it illegal to protest 8 feet from any school, religious institution, healthcare facility, or public building means that protest is basically impossible in the city of Los Angeles, which spits in the face of our First Amendment right to peaceful assembly. How will workers striking for safer workplaces and living wages possibly protest and make their voices heard? How can the citizens of Los Angeles make known their concerns and views without a legal way to gather? The violence that has been brought upon recent protests against the genocide happening in Gaza have been perpetrated almost exclusively by law enforcement and outside instigators, NOT by peaceful protestors. 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.

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Name: Paloma Hernandez

Date Submitted: 09/11/2024 11:50 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do NOT criminalize protest. This ordinance is unconstitutional. Don't set such an awful precedent that will have to be fought and defeated later. This is a step back in American liberties and freedoms and is an embarrassment to the Founding Fathers of this country.