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Date Submitted: 09/19/2024 04:28 PM

Council File No: 24-0910

Comments for Public Posting: YES on this common sense motion to keep people safe who are attending religious services. Look through all the hate being spewed in the public comments. Don't give into hate. Vote with love, vote Yes.

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion would infringe on one of our most essential civil liberties and limit our power to picket as union members. I stand here in solidarity with members of public sector unions who will effectively be barred from protesting at their places of employment and peace activists opposing a genocide. Two weeks ago, the LA City Council approved \$44.1 million in police liability settlements. Now they're seeking to empower that same police force to unconstitutionally arrest activists and striking workers who are already risking their livelihood and safety 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.

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Name: Estee Chandler

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Comments for Public Posting: As a SAG member, I am in strong opposition to Councilmembers Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield's motion to create "bubble zones" around public buildings within the city of LA. ignoring that peaceful assembly is a constitutional right. Among other anti democratic aspects of this motion, it infringes on one of union members most essential civil liberties and limits our power to picket as union members. But it is not lost on the public that this is actually another effort by Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield to suppress growing pro-Palestinian dissent of their support for the ongoing genocide in Gaza as they and other politicians continue to misrepresent protests against the sale of stolen Palestinian land (in violation of international law and state law due to the discriminatory sales events) as protests against a synagogues. That is why so many LA Community members including Union representatives have come out in opposition of this motion in spite of Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield cynically weaponizing efforts to protect abortion access to target protesters. This kind of suppression of protest exercised against community members here in LA has been seen before including following the overturning of Roe v Wade. The language is intentionally broad, including criminalizing "place[s] of public assemblage." That could apply to any location: parks, workplaces, city buildings. The motion is designed so it can easily be weaponized against any form of dissent. As 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 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 the criminalization. This motion will produce the same racist outcomes that laws targeting dissent always have. Further, 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, including 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 would prevent residents of Los Angeles from being informed and engaged in local politics. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Matt Ketkaroonkul

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Comments for Public Posting: This law is a violation of the first amendment and a bad faith attempt to protect discrimination against Jewish people. This encroaches the rights of people protesting against the genocide against Palestinians.

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Name: Josh M

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Comments for Public Posting: This proposal is one of the most anti-democratic, anti-bill of rights, anti-labor, anti-union actions over ever read. The idea that it is being seriously considered by my "liberal" elected officials is shameful and embarrassing. It is the kind of proposal one might expect from totalitarian hopefuls not democratically elected officials in one of the most liberal cities in the country. A city that is also home to many active labor unions. Either we have freedom of assembly or we don't. This is an affront to the first amendment. It would be virtually impossible to not break the law while protesting, even with all the appropriate permits. Any "bystander" or group of "bystanders" could essentially herd a protest or force it into breaking the law by standing near them whenever they want. Please do not support this extremely undemocratic measure.