

Communication from Public

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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, which is life-threatening for some. 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, such as at UCLA this past year. Thank you.