

Communication from Public

Name: Kari Sacks

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 09:09 AM

Council File No: 24-0910

Comments for Public Posting: I care about the safety of the Jewish citizens in my community!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 09:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Urging you to pass the Bubble Zone measure. For the first time since I moved to Los Angeles in 1960 do I truly feel my personal security is in danger.

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Name: Amy
Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 08:04 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Bubble zones are a policy mechanism that can help protect personal safety while also not infringing upon first amendment rights. This motion would not only benefit the Jewish community, but all faith-based communities with religious institutions (i.e. mosques, temples, churches, etc.) as well as individuals seeking to access essential/sensitive services (i.e. abortion clinics, reproductive centers, etc.). The motion ensures that all worshippers can access their places of worship without fear of harassment or intimidation. This motion is of particular importance to the L.A. Jewish community, which is experiencing record high levels of antisemitism. The Jewish community has been subject to intimidation tactics, harassment, and acts of violence occurring in public spaces and near religious institutions (i.e. Adas Torah synagogue in Pico-Robertson, a densely populated Jewish neighborhood). According to the ADL, in 2023, the LA Jewish community experienced 503 recorded incidents (up 112% from 237 incidents in 2022), including 326 incidents of harassment, and 159 incidents of vandalism of businesses, places of worship and schools). The proposed ordinance has precedent, including a State of Colorado law passed in 1993, that has withstood several court challenges, including that of the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Name: Gary Fayman

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 08:44 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Anti-Israel groups only know violence and intimidation. They hide behind the first amendment, but there's no defense for what they're doing. Synagogues need your protection, and they need it now. Do not cave to the haters.

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Name: Karen Daniels

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 09:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe this is critical legislation. Freedom of speech and 1st amendment rights do not include infringing on the civil rights of others to attend school, synagogue, stores or restaurants. Protesters have used encampments and intimidation techniques to prevent students from attending classes at colleges, services and events at houses of worship and even attacked people sitting in restaurants in Jewish neighborhoods. This cannot be allowed. If there are no protections, more people will be harmed. If there are no consequences, there will be more violent and harassing incidents. Hiding behind freedom of speech defenses is red herring - no one is asking for the elimination of protests. There should just be safe zones for any minority, including Jews, in public areas.

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Name: Michael Newman

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 09:42 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: In the face of rising antisemitism and violence in Los Angeles, protecting our community members and those accessing essential services is crucial. The proposed "bubble zone" motion is a necessary step to ensure that individuals entering gathering places, whether they be synagogues, medical clinics, or other sensitive spaces, can do so without fear of violence, harassment, or intimidation. This policy benefits all residents and stands on solid legal ground, with a Colorado law from 1993 already upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. At its core, this motion is about safeguarding the right to peacefully gather and access critical services, from religious spaces to reproductive health centers. An 8-foot protective buffer is a common-sense measure that balances First Amendment rights with the right to safety. With antisemitic incidents up 112% in the past year alone, this is a timely and urgent step to ensure that intimidation tactics have no place in our city. Los Angeles must act now to protect its diverse communities from harm.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 09:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To ensure freedom of religion, all people should be able to enter the door of where they worship without being intimidated by protesters or agitators. Pass this resolution immediately

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Name: James O'Connell

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 09:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the “Bubble Zone” motion which mirrors a recent motion by the LA County Board of Supervisors and legally permissible ordinances in other jurisdictions. Bubble zones are a policy mechanism that can help protect personal safety while also not infringing upon first amendment rights. This motion would benefit all faith-based communities with religious institutions as well as individuals seeking to access essential/sensitive services.

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Name: Kaivan Harouni

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 09:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear all, please pass the "Bubble Zone Motion" for all the following reasons: Bubble zones are a policy mechanism that can help protect personal safety while also not infringing upon first amendment rights. This motion would not only benefit the Jewish community, but all faith-based communities with religious institutions (i.e. mosques, temples, churches, etc.) as well as individuals seeking to access essential/sensitive services (i.e. abortion clinics, reproductive centers, etc.). The motion ensures that all worshippers can access their places of worship without fear of harassment or intimidation. This motion is of particular importance to the L.A. Jewish community, which is experiencing record high levels of antisemitism. The Jewish community has been subject to intimidation tactics, harassment, and acts of violence occurring in public spaces and near religious institutions (i.e. Adas Torah synagogue in Pico-Robertson, a densely populated Jewish neighborhood). According to the ADL, in 2023, the LA Jewish community experienced 503 recorded incidents (up 112% from 237 incidents in 2022), including 326 incidents of harassment, and 159 incidents of vandalism of businesses, places of worship and schools). The proposed ordinance has precedent, including a State of Colorado law passed in 1993, that has withstood several court challenges, including that of the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Name: Randi Green

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 10:07 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Everyone wants to feel safe in their communities. Recently, the rise of anti-semitism has created a very frightening environment for Jews. Setting up bubble zones is a step towards mitigating this issue. Bubble zones are a policy mechanism that can help protect personal safety while also not infringing upon first amendment rights. This motion would not only benefit the Jewish community, but all faith-based communities with religious institutions (i.e. mosques, temples, churches, etc.) as well as individuals seeking to access essential/sensitive services (i.e. abortion clinics, reproductive centers, etc.). The motion ensures that all worshippers can access their places of worship without fear of harassment or intimidation. This motion is of particular importance to the L.A. Jewish community, which is experiencing record high levels of antisemitism. The Jewish community has been subject to intimidation tactics, harassment, and acts of violence occurring in public spaces and near religious institutions (i.e. Adas Torah synagogue in Pico-Robertson, a densely populated Jewish neighborhood). According to the ADL, in 2023, the LA Jewish community experienced 503 recorded incidents (up 112% from 237 incidents in 2022), including 326 incidents of harassment, and 159 incidents of vandalism of businesses, places of worship and schools). The proposed ordinance has precedent, including a State of Colorado law passed in 1993, that has withstood several court challenges, including that of the U.S. Supreme Court. Please take this into account and work towards making our communities safe for everyone. Thank you.

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Name: David Herskovitz

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 10:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support establishment of “Bubble Zones” to protect safe ingress to and egress from important establishments, including places of worship. Noteworthy incidents that lacked “Bubble Zones” (such as in Pico/Robertson on Pico Blvd., UCLA, etc.) have demonstrated that, in the absence of “Bubble Zones”, there are likely to be more injuries (especially to disabled, elderly, and young people, who may be less able to protect themselves in tight spaces and crowds), property damage, and curtailment of First Amendment rights.

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Name: Sharon

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 10:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I don't want strangers approaching me anywhere, trying to influence (pressure me) to do, say, believe what they want! Keep them away from me! They are racists, with no real cause, only wanting to kill all the Jews!!

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Name: Henry J Morgen
Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 10:46 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: "Bubble Zones" are a reasonable safeguard for safe access to prayer communities, schools, and health care facilities. This should be a "no brainer" that all people in the community should enthusiastically support. There is no restriction regarding free speech, because speech doesn't impede the ability of people to carry out their business and daily activities. Do not be intimidated by those speaking otherwise.

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Name: Andrew Altshule
Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 11:11 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please protect the Jewish community against this awful Jew Hatred! Thank you in advance!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 11:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The current anti-semitism environment which is too often incurring threats or injury to people and damage to property makes it necessary to pass and enforce legislation geared to assure any rallies are properly scheduled, eliminate carrying weapons that can cause danger and are conducted in a civil manner. Violation of this protocol should result in a fair and legal administrative process that could result in fines or imprisonment.

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Name: Louise Barnett

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 04:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please provide a safe zone for Jewish people going to school, or to worship etc. It has gotten very dangerous being Jewish now in California.

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Name: Matthew Samuels

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 04:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There is a difference between free speech and intimidation. As expressed by President Biden this past June, the act of trying to intimidate or “shame” people for accessing a place of worship and engaging in a religious activity is contrary to the founding principles of the United States. Speech is a protected right in order to foster dialogue, have a free exchange of ideas, and prevent tyranny. It is not a right to permit fear mongering and intimidation from radical extremists. The Council must protect all law abiding citizens from those who wish to sow fear in our city.

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Name: Allen L Hoffman

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 05:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Sadly, due to anti-semitic harassment, the council needs to create "Bubble Zones" around synagogues. To make it fair for all, there should be "Bubble Zones" around all places of religious worship to prevent aggressive protestors from harassing and disrupting points of ingress and egress. Other vulnerable sites such as healthcare facilities and schools including buildings on college campuses should have the same rights afforded to them. The level of fervor and anger of people who can't or will not see the humanity in others has made this necessary. It is a sad fact of our times. While a First Amendment right for orderly protest and orderly demonstrate is the law of the land, it should not apply to block others from their rights on the sidewalks or steps of the group/institution being protested. There are anti-Israel groups are actively opposing the L.A. City Bubble Zone motion and alleging it is a violation of the First Amendment. If their places of religious worship or schools were blocked by aggressive and angry protestors, they would be "up in arms". So let's make it a level playing field for everyone and allow 'Bubble Zones' for all places or worship, schooling and healthcare facilities.

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Name: Lawrence Eisenberg

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 11:50 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please support the "Bubble" zone restrictions. The Jewish community is under attack by those abusing free speech rights, who seem to believe violence and harassment are justified, and are forms of speech that should be protected. This is certainly not what the constitution and the courts support, and it is time for the city council to take action to protect its vulnerable communities. Although there is broad support for the general concept of tolerance for all, in practice this isn't being applied to the Jewish community, that is being demonized, threatened, and attacked, by those who are driven by their support for Hamas, in its desire to destroy Israel and the Jewish people. In Los Angeles, universities have become unsafe places for Jews, and recently synagogue goers were made to feel the same. Lack of action by the city council is actually a green light for the antisemites to continue their attacks. Please stand for what is right, moral, and legal. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jack

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 11:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We urge the city council to support the L.A. City Bubble Zone motion. It will create “Bubble Zones” around synagogues and other vulnerable sites, to ensure that protestors cannot intentionally block entrances to healthcare facilities, schools, and places of worship. People should not be intimidated by protestors to prevent them from carrying out their choices. Thank you.

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Name: S. Abrams

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 12:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The recent violence at Adas Torah highlighted the unfortunate reality that our community urgently needs additional protections and public safety measures to be put in place. JFEDLA has been working closely with elected leaders, including the motions' authors in L.A. County (Supervisor Lindsey Horvath) and in L.A. City (Councilmembers Katy Yaroslavsky and Bob Blumenfield), to establish legislation that will create "Bubble Zones" around synagogues and other vulnerable sites, to ensure that protestors cannot intentionally block entrances to healthcare facilities, schools, and places of worship. PLEASE KEEP US JEWS SAFE!

Communication from Public

Name: Debra

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 01:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: LA must pass the Bubble Zone motion. This will protect Jewish and other religious sites while allowing protesters to still maintain their 1st amendment rights. Similar laws have been passed and found constitutional around the issue of protecting abortion clinics and their staff and patients. The least the city council can do is protect the religious observance rights of Jewish (and other) citizens of Los Angeles. Antisemitism is at a historically high level. The 1 year anniversary of the Oct 7 atrocities is coming up. The Jewish High Holidays are fast approaching. This needs to be passed and implemented immediately. Do the right thing! Ignore those voices who say their right to protest will be impinged on. These voices are hate mongers calling for the elimination of Israel and all Jews. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

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Name: Brett Shears

Date Submitted: 09/25/2024 01:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hey, just chiming in to oppose another trampling of constitutional rights being pursued so vigorously by our City Council and our clearly constitutionally illiterate City Attorney. If you pass this law, I guarantee two things will happen: 1) I and thousands of others will happily contravene this law with the most BANAL and harmless actions you have ever seen, just to show the residents of LA just how absurd and untenable it is; and 2) It will be struck down by every court from here to Geneva given how absurdly anti-democratic and far-reaching it is. Just drop it now, save yourself the embarrassment, and find some other way to stem the tide of resentment towards the failed political class of Los Angeles you all embody so perfectly. Thanks!