

Communication from Public

Name: Dana

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Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles resident and a Jew, I am writing to strongly oppose Katy Yaroslavsky and Bob Blumenfield's most recent attempt to suppress not only pro-Palestinian dissent but protests of all kinds. This motion is yet another effort by Yaroslavsky, Blumenfield, and much of Los Angeles's city government to enshrine an egregious, willful misrepresentation of protests against the sale of stolen Palestinian land in the occupied territories—in blatant violation of international law—as protests against the synagogue(s) in which the sale of said land would take place. I refuse to allow my city council to pass such a patently erroneous, dangerous, and fundamentally racist motion. In the irresponsible breadth of its language, the motion would criminalize not only protests in solidarity with the Palestinian struggle against decades of occupation and more than a year of what the United Nations and the International Court of Justice recognize as genocide but expressions of all kinds of dissent: protests against police brutality, for reproductive justice, for workers' rights, and more. With the looming possibility of another Trump presidency, I can think of few actions more irresponsible and short-sighted on the part of the City Council than to pass this motion and curtail Angelenos' constitutional rights to freedom of expression and protest. As a student and educator at a university in Los Angeles, I am particularly concerned by the fact that 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 information regarding substance use, sexual health, and psychological support services freely on campuses, 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. Overall, this legislation makes residents of Los Angeles more, not

less, unsafe, and prevents us from being informed and engaged in local politics—which includes, of course, contributing to your re-election. I urge you to reject Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield's cynical, dangerous motion and stand instead with the people of Los Angeles.

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Name: Katie

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this buffer zone project. This would greatly help me as a citizen of Los Angeles. I see and personally experience kecking by some of the people that get near some helpful community services buildings and I find it upsetting when it happens personally and when I see this occur to others. Therefore I am 100% supporting this project so that it can help the people.

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Name: Carla

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Comments for Public Posting: This idea to bar violent protestors from blocking some categories of buildings and facilities that help others, like churches or hospitals, is great as such violent is very stressful for people employed or volunteering in those facilities. I was very happy to hear about this and I whole heartly support this idea.