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Comments for Public Posting: The “Bubble Zone” motion undermines the fundamental spirit, value, and intent of protest. Dissent is the primary vehicle of change in this city, this motion would deny angelenos a means by which to make the change we want to see in this city. Protest is already heavily criminalized in this city. It’s not uncommon for Black and brown led protests to be met with police violence and demonization. This motion would only help ensure Even mechanisms to protest in a manner permitted by the city are broken in Los Angeles. The city's permitting process for protests requires a 40-day notice to express any form of public outrage, whether in response to violence here or across the globe. The Stop LAPD Spying Coalition filed a lawsuit against the city regarding this flawed process, and the court granted an injunction on the protest permitting procedure. These councilmembers are pushing this protest ban in response to pro-Palestinian support across the city, but this motion will affect all manner of dissent: anti-police protests, reproductive justice, labor protests, and more. 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 language is intentionally broad, including criminalizing “place[s] of public assemblage.” This could apply to any location: parks, workplaces, city buildings. The motion can be easily weaponized against any form of dissent. 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 this criminalization. This motion will produce the same racist outcomes that laws targeting dissent always have. This motion cynically weaponizes efforts to protect abortion access to target protesters. We’ve seen the suppression of protest exercised against community members here in LA following the overturning of Roe v Wade. Additionally, on the topic of abortion - This motion also would make educating the public about their abortion rights and locations where they can seek abortions in LA a misdemeanor, based on the language: “prohibit a person or

persons from knowingly approaching another person within eight feet of such a facility without consent for the purpose of passing a leaflet or handbill, displaying a sign, engaging in protest, education or counseling in the public right-of-way within a 100-foot radius of an entrance to the types of locations listed above". As a community health worker and abortion doula this is something myself and my peers do on a regular basis, especially around warning

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been harassed while going in and out my Church these last months, by hate mongers and people loudly disrupting the daily activities. They make the street and the area unpleasant and create upsets even for the neighbors. So this bill looks very useful and needed.