

**MOTION**

In Los Angeles, a diverse group of residents share a common bond of participation in the civic life that makes our city vibrant and dynamic.

Because of this diversity, it can sometimes be the case that some persons are better able to participate in opportunities for community engagement than others. For example, if a person's faith requires them to be home after sundown or break a fast with family and loved ones at the end of a day, that person may have to choose between observing their cultural or faith practices and participating in civic life.

Residents in our city should have a partner in the city government in avoiding forcing residents to make that choice. For example, public meetings designed to solicit public input and participation should never be scheduled at times when a significant number of potential participants would be reasonable expected to be participating in important religious observations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst to report on ways to ensure that City departments avoid soliciting community input on culturally sensitive dates and times where residents may have to choose between participation in a City-sponsored meeting or their religious or cultural traditions.

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