

MOTION

Angelenos are a diverse, dynamic constituency who, when electing their Councilmembers, are entrusting them to govern fairly, compassionately, and transparently. The City Council exists to carry out the business of the People of the City, and that business must be able to proceed both without interference and in full view of and with full participation by all Angelenos.

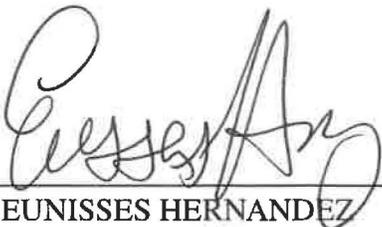
Members of the community attend Council meetings to make their voice heard beyond the ballot box. They travel from all corners of the City and use their time to be active participants in their municipal government. They go through a security checkpoint with metal detectors, ensuring the safety of all who come to City Hall.

It is crucial that, in carrying out its business, Council Chambers operate in such a manner that the Council can work effectively and peacefully. Punitive action and escalation against the public in instances of disruption or unrest, however, goes against the foundational principle of a government by and for the people.

In order to create a collaborative, transparent, productive environment, we should be relying on nonviolent, unarmed deescalation and mediation to ensure all Angelenos are able to participate in the governance of their City while allowing for the duties of the Council to proceed in an orderly fashion.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, with assistance from the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Office of the City Attorney's Mediation program, and in consultation with relevant community-based organizations, violence interrupters, and de-escalation experts, to develop and report on a mediation-based model for maintaining order in Council chambers that does not involve armed officers.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst to determine and report whether the Council has the jurisdiction to order all LAPD officers present in Council Chambers to be unarmed.

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