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Summary: Summary: The behavior evidenced by Nury Martinez, Kevin de León, and Gil Cedillo would never be tolerated at the Neighborhood Council level. Neighborhood Council members must adhere to a Code of Conduct and take Anti-Bias training as part of our service. A double standard exists for members of the City Council if Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin de León, and Gil Cedillo do not resign. Despite years of efforts to counteract the effects of racism, we see how the power structure in the Los Angeles City Council creates division in our communities. This division is supported by labor unions as the meeting was held at the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor office and attended by their president Ron Herrera. We sent in several letters and comments on the redistricting mapping. Based on the LA Times story, council members' power structure was more important than the public process, the needs of residents, and NC input. We see how the council members seek to keep and further their own power at the expense of all Los Angeles residents. See attached board letters: 1 - Redistricting and Racism (10-13-2022) 2 - Redistricting - Remapping letter of support (10-14-21)



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October 13, 2022

Dear Los Angeles City Council (All Council Districts), Mayor Eric Garcetti, and City Attorney Mike Feuer,

Re: Nury Martinez, Kevin DeLeon, Gil Cedillo

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council calls on Councilmembers, de León, and Cedillo to follow the actions of former councilmember Martinez and immediately resign from the Los Angeles City Council. As widely reported by the LA Times all three councilmembers engaged in an abhorrent conversation that disparaged and disrespected Councilmember Mike Bonin and his family, other City Councilmembers, the Black community, the redistricting process, and Angelenos everywhere.

In the released recordings, we see clear evidence of an overt discriminatory purpose in redistricting proposals that were adopted by the City Council. This opens up the city to liability and makes the need for a truly independent redistricting commission urgent. We call attention to the unusual circumstances in Council District 10 and the swift appointment of Heather Hutt. The recordings confirm Heather Hunt's appointment was the result of power brokering whose purpose was to benefit Nury Martinez, Kevin de León, and Gil Cedillo, not the stakeholders of Council District 10.

We call on the City Attorney to investigate the 2020 Census Redistricting if the attorney general does not, and Council District 10 appointment processes for violations of the Brown Act, and any other potential violations of City, State, and Federal Law. Based on the recordings, the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council believes that many of these conversations may also be evidence of violations of the Brown Act. Both redistricting and the Council District 10 appointment were matters that were agendized in Council, but it is clear that these decisions were being made before open and observable Council meetings.

As a first step to restore the public trust, we call upon the city to immediately establish and implement a truly independent process of redistricting the City Council, which would be devoid of the influence of City Councilmembers. This requires replacing the 2020 Census Redistricting with the results from an independent body.

The behavior evidenced by Nury Martinez, Kevin de León, and Gil Cedillo would never be tolerated at the Neighborhood Council level. Neighborhood Council members must adhere to a Code of Conduct and take Anti-Bias training as part of our service. Were Neighborhood Council members to behave in a similar manner, we would face censure, removal, and dismissal by our own board, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

Despite years of efforts to counteract the effects of racism and many other acts of discrimination, we see how the power structure in the Los Angeles City Council creates division in our communities. In 2022, we don't expect to hear explicit recordings of literal, systemic racism, recordings of the leaders of City Hall participating in racist, anti-black rhetoric while discussing

gerrymandering based on race and socioeconomic status, and backroom deals to keep themselves in power.

These councilmembers should take ownership of their vile and inexcusable words and actions by immediately resigning. The City Council and its actions will remain suspect until that point. While resignation will not begin to repair the damage that has been done to our City, it is the first step in rebuilding public trust.

Los Angeles cannot begin to heal while these councilmembers remain in power.

Sincerely,



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October 14, 2021

City Council Redistricting Commission City of Los Angeles
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Dear Commissioners,

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council supports Map K 2.5 Council District 13.

One update, that we would recommend: Take the North West Border to I5
Atwater Village Neighborhood Council boundary includes both sides of the river; our future council district should do so too, using I5 as the border up to the 134 fwy.

Why: Atwater residents are confused by the existing district line that shifts at the Glendale-Hyperion Bridge from CD13 into CD4 as you head north along the LA River. This small shift, making I5 the council district border, would simplify river issues for residents of Atwater Village by having one city contact for east and west bank problems along our 4-mile river border. (This small change doesn't include population; therefore, it would be procedural for the benefit of current and future residents of Atwater Village.)

We believe Map K2.5 version of Council District 13 supports your mission and core values:
To strengthen the governance of the City of Los Angeles by empowering its communities to have their diverse needs served through fair and inclusive representation.

Atwater Village has a shared interest with other Riverfront Communities such as Elysian Valley and Glassell Park. We are all physically connected by the river, the bike path, bridges, parks and future pedestrian/multi-use paths, furthermore we are all impacted by LA River policy at the City, County, State and Federal levels.

We also recommend that the final approved district map keeps the current borders of Atwater Village in one district.

Shared interests:

Atwater Village and Elysian Valley are probably the 2 most alike neighborhoods in North East Los Angeles:

- Both communities are surrounded by infrastructure with limited access through and across.
- Both communities have residential homes and businesses on the riverfront.
- We deal with the multi-jurisdictional issues in and along the LA River beyond the city: county, state, and federal entities.
- We have potential flood issues and future impacts rising from climate change.
- We have a shared history of events, community participation, and policy interests as river communities.

- Both communities are adjacent to I5 and per CalEnviroScreen are pollution burdened communities with many scores above 75%.
- We share the quality of life issues that only impact riverfront communities such as ours.

We hope you will consider moving the Council District 13 border to the I5 as noted above, which would positively impact our residents.

We appreciate your efforts to keep Atwater Village whole and connected to communities of common interest.

Sincerely,

Atwater Village Neighborhood Council



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