

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter. Thank you.

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Hon. LA City Council
VIA EMAIL

Re: 22-0981 Special Meeting [10:15am on 9-2-22 - CD 10 Appointment]

Dear Councilmembers,

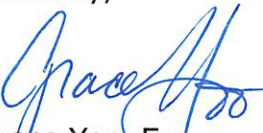
You have the opportunity to be transparent in the process to fill the void in Council District 10 (CD10). I hope you will use a fair process to decide on whom to appoint as the interim councilmember. Since the elected councilmember is unable to fulfill his duties, you should appoint the voters' second choice. I was the runner up in the November 2020 elections. In the runoff election, 36,485 voters in CD10 chose me as their representative. Therefore, I should be appointed.

Certainly, the opinion of 36,485 CD10 residents must outweigh the opinion of nine L.A. City Councilmembers, none of whom live or work in CD10. The appointee should be someone supported by the voters. Please listen to the voice of more than 36,000 voters in CD10.

I have been told by some Councilmembers that I would not be appointed because it would give an unfair advantage for the next CD10 election. The proposed appointee, Heather Hutt, seems to be a person who would seek to run for the next CD10 election. In fact, it appears that the attempts to give CD10 a voting representative are deeply mired in politics. If you want to avoid making the process political, you should make the appointment of the CD10 councilmember on the condition that the person be ineligible to run for the next regularly scheduled CD10 election.

I hope the Council would listen to the more than 36,000 voters who wanted me as the CD10 councilmember.

Sincerely,


Grace Yoo, Esq.

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Name: Sonya Vasquez

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of CD 10 and a South LA advocate for over 2 decades I am disheartened by the limited community engagement and disregard for a thorough community process as to the representation of our district. As a Latina I am concerned about how this inequitable process may create a wedge in the Black and Brown solidarity we have worked so hard to build. For months now a residents and other CD 10 stakeholders have urged City Council members to do the right thing and create a transparent process. We need charter reform and while we need Mark Ridley-Thomas, the person we voted for to be reinstated, at a minimum we call for an open process that takes our voices into consideration and allows us a choice in who will represent us. Other communities, more affluent and less diverse communities have been in similar situations but still allowed more broad base community input than this City Council has provided for us. As a historically African American community with significant BIPOC representation it causes us to wonder why we are not given the same level of respect. South Los Angeles has been victim to decades of disenfranchisement, broken systems and racist policies. We fight hard every day to rise above the impact of these things. We will not allow our vote to be taken away and our voices suppressed. As elected officials who claim to represent the health and well being of residents across Los Angeles we urge you to do the right thing. Do not move forward with placing a caretaker over CD 10 without an inclusive, community-driven, transparent process that provides broad, well-publicized outreach and solicitation of diverse views from across the district, selection eligibility criteria, consideration of more than one candidate, a meaningful opportunity to provide input and a confirmation hearing. Sonya Vasquez Jefferson Park resident CD 10