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Council District 10 Needs A Voting Representative NOW!

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Dear Council Members,

I have been a resident of Council District 10 for 27 years. This email is being sent to support the appointment of Heather Hutt to the City Council with full voting privileges until such time as Mark Ridley-Thomas is acquitted or charges are dropped.

It's mind-blogging to learn that three council members are determined to leave CD10 in a disadvantageous state. Not because Ms. Hutt is not highly qualified but because of blind loyalty to MRT. Anyone that does not have the best interest of voters does not plan to run again anytime soon. And if they do plan to run, they might want to remember that voters don't forget. Constituents of CD10 will not forget that you intentionally blocked them from being restored back to a fully functioning district with the appointment of Ms. Hutt as a voting representative.

Here is the big picture that seems to be overlooked: A special election can only take place if the seat is vacated and MRT has not been convicted, resigned, or the charges dropped. We are not there yet. A special election is costly and taxpayer dollars should not be wasted in this manner for CD10 constituents to have a seat at the table.

I strongly believe that Ms. Hutt is the best choice for this appointment. We don't have a timeline for Councilman Ridley-Thomas return, and shouldn't be forced to wait while these issues play out in the courts. The constituents of CD10 cannot be fairly and adequately represented while we wait months for a voting representative. We ask that Ms. Hutt be appointed as a voting representative NOW, not in 60-days.

Thank you in advance for your vote to give CD10 a voice in the City Council.

Respectfully,

Brenda Ashby

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"Those who say it can't be done are usually interrupted by others doing it." James Baldwin

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Dear Council Members,

As a resident of Council District 10 this email is being sent to you in support of the appointment of Heather Hutt to the City Council, with full voting privileges, until such time as the legal affairs of Mark Ridley-Thomas (MRT) are settled.

Almost 1 full year as passed since the suspension of Mr. Ridley -Thomas, due to no fault of his constituents. During that entire time the residents of CD10 have been left without any formal representation at the City Council, leaving us at a huge disadvantage. That is unfair, undemocratic, and a situation that must be corrected immediately.

Even though Council president Martinez has tried to help repair the ongoing damage to my district, continued assaults from outside groups with singular agendas, and even sitting council members, now still derail all good efforts to right this egregious wrong. And this is apparently not because Ms. Hutt is not highly qualified, because she is, but because of blind loyalty to a councilmember that has been legally suspended from his duties.

Mr. Ridley-Thomas cannot come back to the council until and unless all charges are dropped or he is acquitted. Neither of those things will take place in the near term. And a special election to fill his vacant seat can only take place if MRT has not been convicted, resigns, or the charges dropped. A special election is costly and taxpayer dollars should not be wasted in this manner just to allow CD10 constituents competent representation. And while those few voices call for "transparency" and some type of public hearing, they themselves are not being transparent in any way, and do not seem to care that everyday more time is lost with CD10 having no city council representation.

I, and many others in my community, strongly believe that Ms. Hutt is the best choice for this appointment. We do not have a timeline for Councilman Ridley-Thomas return, and shouldn't be forced to wait while these issues play out in the courts. The constituents of CD10 cannot be fairly and adequately represented

while we wait months for a voting representative. We ask that Ms. Hutt be appointed as a voting representative NOW, not in 60-days.

And to those sitting councilmembers who choose to intentionally keep CD10 voters from the timely receipt of a voting representative, please remember. Constituents of CD10 will not forget that you intentionally blocked them from being restored back to a fully functioning district with the appointment of Ms. Hutt as a voting representative.

Thank you in advance for your vote to give CD10 a voice in the City Council.

Respectfully,

Michael Grant-Martin

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