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1:31 PM

Hi Ms. Morales:

I sent the following email to
LACouncilComment.com and wanted to
make sure you received a copy.

August 31, 2022

Hon. Nury Martinez
President, Los Angeles City Council
Members of the Rules and Elections
Committee

**Re: Today's Rules & Elections
Committee – Special Meeting (CF 22-**

0981)

Dear President Martinez and Members of the City Council:

We, the under-signed, write to express our profound disappointment with yesterday's City Council meeting concerning Council District 10 (CD10) representation. **More disappointing, and frankly insulting, is the suggestion by the Council President that her chosen representative, Heather Hutt, be "appointed" to serve as the community's voting representative and the only person to be considered.**

Since the Council President's initial selection of a termed-out former council member, the community's position has been clear – establish a transparent process that includes the community to help determine who represents it. That did not occur earlier this year with the appointment of Mr. Wesson and it has

not happened now. This deeply flawed process is unacceptable.

Moreover, the suggestion that Ms. Hutt be appointed now, with a selection process to begin after the elections and some time in November once again obfuscates the point – we want a transparent process to select our representative now. There is no reason why a process cannot be undertaken and a decision made by the end of September. This subject is too important to linger. The council district's voters, not the Council President, should make this vital decision.

This decision is not, nor cannot be, a matter of race or gender. To suggest or bully councilmembers into believing that race or gender is the issue before you as a voting body is a red herring. It's wrong and a reflection of a highly problematic and grossly political point of view. Ironically, the Council President did not

**let Mr. Wesson's gender prevent you
from making a hasty, reckless
appointment in violation of the City
Charter.**

The community continues to demand transparency and accountability to determine its own representative. Who that person is should be a community decision, not determined by fiat.

We respectfully request you establish an immediate process to allow the community to determine for itself who its representative should be until this matter is resolved in the courts.

Sincerely,

Beverly Rowe
Carolyn Webb de Macias
Gloria Davis
Irma Muñoz
Janice Martin

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