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Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair  
Ad Hoc Censure Committee  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Council Files 22-1189 & 22-1195, Censure & Resignation**

Dear Councilmember Harris-Dawson,

Established in 1924, Central City Association (CCA) represents over 300 organizations including large employers, cultural and educational institutions and nonprofits. We are committed to advancing policies and projects that enhance Downtown Los Angeles' (DTLA) vibrancy and increase opportunity in the region. **We support Council Files 22-1189 and 22-1195 that censure former Councilmember Nury Martinez and Councilmembers Kevin de León and Gil Cedillo. We also join the community in demanding Councilmembers de León and Cedillo's immediate resignations. We believe our city will not fully function nor be able to address the serious issues we face until we have resignations, governance reform and strong civic engagement.**

DTLA, part of Council District 14, has become a case study in the consequences of City Council leadership failures. Our community did not have political representation on the City Council for nearly two years under former Councilmember Huizar. The City Charter does not provide guidance for removing elected officials who are under legal investigation or have engaged in other behavior that's misaligned with public service. District 14 is facing this situation again due to de León's conduct and his refusal to resign. We appreciate the Council taking formal action to censure him.

**We hope that our leaders will hold themselves to the highest standard of behavior, but we must learn from our experiences and pursue governance reform.** Specifically, the City Charter may be amended through the will of the voters to provide clear suspension and replacement powers for breaking the public's trust. **Censuring should be the first, but not the last, step related to improving our governance.**

Again, we appreciate you acting to censure these members and calling for their resignation. We stand with you and thank you for your steady leadership.

Sincerely,

Jessica Lall  
President & CEO  
Central City Association

Cc: Council President Paul Krekorian  
Members of the LA City Council