

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, my name is Ray Rios 63 year resident of Boyle Heights and CD 14. Let me begin by saying that I'm in no way of supporting racism. I'm Mexican American and I've had my share of experiences with racism in many forms. What went on in that meeting was without a doubt the worst and most divisive words that I've ever heard from our elected officials and they all have to be accountable for their actions. Our community of CD 14 has lost years of strong representation and has a history of being without a voice. Villaragosa went to the mayorship and never looked back, Councilman Huizar got caught up in the power and money of downtown development, and now with have this most recent racial city hall bombshell where everyone is calling for resignations of all who were present in that meeting. Those who spearheaded the conversation have resigned and that's appropriate. Kevin de leon's role in that meeting was minimal as far as racist words but yes, he could have and should have done better at that meeting. I believe that our council district fourteen cannot be left without a voice again and that Kevin de leon should be given an opportunity to redeem himself through his work in our district. There are many projects that require the leadership of our Council Office and need Kevin de Leon to be present in spearheading these projects. I have never known him as a racist and believe that he got caught up in a really bad meeting conversation. We as residents of CD 14 are willing to give him a chance to redeem himself, I think that you should do the same. Thank you.