

RESOLUTION NO. 22-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, CONDEMNING THE WORDS OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL LEADERS AND CALLING FOR THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMEMBERS DE-LEÓN AND CEDILLO

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to making Goleta a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community for everyone; and

WHEREAS, On June 8, 2020, the City Council declared the issue of racism to be a public health emergency and condemned racism, police brutality, hate speech, bigotry, violence and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2022, the Los Angeles Times reported a leaked audio involving the former Los Angeles Federation of Labor President Ron Herrera, and Los Angeles City Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin De-León, and Gil Cedillo using blatantly racist, homophobic, incendiary, and cruel language towards members of the African American, LGBTQ, indigenous and Armenian American communities; and

WHEREAS, the casual racism and degradation of colleagues and constituents witnessed on the recording threaten the wellbeing of our racially and ethnically diverse community; and

WHEREAS, every elected official has an obligation to ensure that constituents have the confidence they will be served with equity, fairness and dignity, and that no resident will be mistreated or excluded because of their identity; and

WHEREAS, On October 26, 2022, the Los Angeles City Council approved to censure Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo and Kevin De León and joined the community in demanding their immediate resignation; and

WHEREAS, former City Councilmember Nury Martinez has resigned from her role as City Council President and resigned from the body entirely over these leaked remarks; and

WHEREAS, City Councilmembers Kevin De Leon and Gil Cedillo remain on the Los Angeles City Council, earning their full salary of \$225,000 per year while not attending any public meetings of the council since their remarks were leaked; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The City Council condemns the words of Councilmembers Martinez, De-León, and Cedillo and demands the resignation of De-León and Cedillo from the Los Angeles City Council.

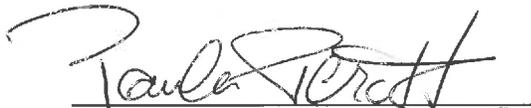
SECTION 2.

The City Council reaffirms the City of Goleta's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and condemns racism and hate speech.

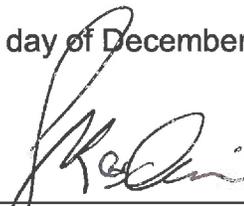
SECTION 3.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of December 2022.



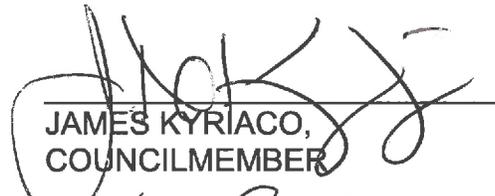
PAULA PEROTTE MAYOR



STUART KASDIN,
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE



ROGER ACEVES,
COUNCILMEMBER



JAMES KYRIACO,
COUNCILMEMBER



KYLE RICHARDS,
COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK



MEGAN GARIBALDI
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA)
CITY OF GOLETA) ss.

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 22-59 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of December, 2022 by the following roll call vote of the City Council:

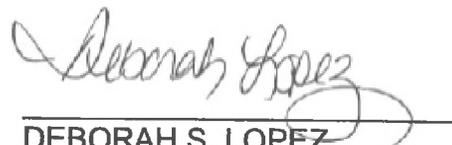
AYES: MAYOR PEROTTE, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE KASDIN,
 COUNCILMEMBERS ACEVES, KYRIACO AND RICHARDS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

(SEAL)



DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK