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Censure and call for immediate resignation of Councilmembers Martinez, de Leon and Cedillo

[Council File 22-1199](#) (SUPPORT)

Removal of Councilmember de Leon / Chair of Homelessness and Poverty Committee

[Council File 22-1201](#) (SUPPORT)

Removal of Councilmember Gil Cedillo / Chair of Housing Committee

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Commendatory Resolutions - *Motion Introduced 10/11/22*

October 18, 2022

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Dear Councilmembers:

Mid City West Neighborhood Council joins the community in demanding the immediate resignations of Councilmembers Kevin de León and Gil Cedillo. In addition, we call for the rest of the Council to censure these Councilmembers and to form an ad hoc committee that examines our City Charter and Laws through a lens of social and racial equity.

As evidenced by recently released recordings from an October 2021 meeting between, former Councilmember Martinez and Councilmembers de Leon and Cedillo, the three engaged in a highly inappropriate conversation that was characterized by racism, in particular anti-black racism, homophobia, anti-Jewish racism, and anti-indigenous remarks directed at the Oaxacan community. Additionally, the conversation endorsed violence against children.

In addition to disparaging the communities listed above, the recordings cast doubt on the fairness of our city's redistricting process. Throughout the released recordings, there is a deep vein of anti-Black racism that pervades all aspects of the discussion on redistricting and causes serious concerns about the final map adopted by City Council in December 2021.

These three Councilmembers are not fit for public service and do not represent the community and therefore should resign immediately. While resignation will not repair the damage that has been done to our City, it is the first step in showing true accountability and remorse. Los Angeles cannot begin to heal while these Councilmembers remain in power.

The recordings are evidence of systemic racism put into action. We ask that in addition to the resignation of the listed Councilmembers, an ad hoc committee is formed to examine our City



Charter and existing legislation through a lens of racial and social equity. We ask that the ad hoc committee work closely with the City Attorney and make suggestions to amend the Charter and legislation as seen fit. We ask for a report from this committee no later than March 1, 2023.

In 2022, we expect more from our elected representatives and do not expect to hear explicit recordings of racism while discussing gerrymandering on the basis of race and socioeconomic status, framing and informing strategies to keep themselves in power.

To Councilpersons de León, and Cedillo, resign immediately so the city can begin healing.

To Councilpersons O'Farrell, Krekorian, Blumenfeld, Raman, Koretz, Rodriguez, Harris-Dawson, Price, Hutt, Bonin, Lee, and Buscaino: we call on you to immediately agendize a censure motion for councilpersons de León and Cedillo.

We further call on Councilpersons O'Farrell, Krekorian, Blumenfeld, Raman, Koretz, Rodriguez, Harris-Dawson, Price, Hutt, Bonin, Lee, and Buscaino: to rescind all commendations given to Councilpersons De Leon, Cedillo, and former Councilperson Martinez.

Sincerely,

Lauren Nichols
Chair
Mid City West Neighborhood Council

and

Dre Guttag
Chair, Outreach and Civic Engagement
Mid City West Neighborhood Council

and

Taylor Holland and Lindsey Chase Garcia
Co-Chairs, Social and Racial Equity Committee
Mid City West Neighborhood Council