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CD 1 Coalition

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Dear Councilmembers,

The CD 1 Coalition is writing to express our forceful objection to the motion titled "The Guatemalan Community Landmark Naming Project" (Council File 24-0491), put forward by Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez and seconded by Councilwoman Heather Hutt. We are outraged by the rushed manner in which this motion is being pushed through the Los Angeles City Council committees, steamrolling over the community's own tireless efforts.

For nearly two long years, a diverse and dedicated group of community members, residents, constituents, and local nonprofits poured their time and resources into creating a thoughtful proposal called "The Guatemalan Square" (Council File 22-1094). These committed individuals followed the procedures they were told to pursue in good faith. And what did they get in return? A slew of misleading information, deceit, and blatant disrespect from the Councilwoman's office.

And it gets worse. Evidence has come to light that Councilwoman Hernandez and her staffer Jose Rodriguez actively worked to sabotage and undermine the original "Guatemalan Square" proposal. This is a slap in the face to the democratic process and a shameful betrayal of the community's trust.

Given these appalling circumstances, we demand that the City Council immediately launch a full and thorough investigation into the underhanded handling of the "Guatemalan Square" proposal before even considering a vote on this new "Landmark Naming" sham. The Council has a solemn duty to uphold true transparency, accountability, and meaningful community engagement in its decision-making process. Anything less is unacceptable.

The voices behind the original "Guatemalan Square" proposal will not be silenced or ignored. Their concerns must be heard and properly addressed before any further action is taken. Only then can the Council credibly claim to represent the interests of the community in a fair and just manner.

We await your prompt response and decisive corrective action to investigate and rectify this injustice. The community is watching closely to see if our elected officials will stand up for what is right or if they will simply rubber stamp this hijacking of the democratic process.

Sincerely,

The CD 1 Coalition

