

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Lionel Mares

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please see attached file: Re: Heather Hutt (Council File 22-0981)

August 26, 2022

The Honorable Nury Martinez  
Council President  
200 N. Spring St, Suite 470  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: City Council District 10

Dear Council President Martinez and Council Members,

I write to express my disappointment with Council President Nury Martinez (CD6). Miss Martinez is acting like a dictator. Since Mark Ridley-Thomas has been charged with corruption charges, the L.A. City Council has been plagued with problems such as Homelessness, and the over-funding of Policing in Los Angeles. Council President Martinez has been behaving like a Dictator and she should hold a Special Election for the people of Council District 10 to elect a new council member to represent the people of council district 10. I don't agree with your decision to appoint Ms. Heather Hutt to represent council district 10. The people should have a say, and they should have a right to vote for someone they want to represent them. This is a Democracy, not an authoritarian government. I ask that Council President to reconsider her motion.

The actions of Council President Nury Martinez resemble that of Donald Trump, who used his power to change the landscape of the U.S. Supreme Court (Reference: [Supreme Revenge, Frontline PBS](#))

Therefore, the City Council should hold a Special Election in Council District 10. The people of Council District 10 have a right to vote and elect someone of their choosing, NOT the City Council President.

Sincerely,

**Lionel Mares, MPA**  
**Activist/Advocate**

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dolores Spears

**Date Submitted:** 08/26/2022 11:05 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Appointment of Heather Hutt as Interim Councilmember to 10th District To the Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members: First, let me thank the Honorable Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo, Paul Koretz, Kevin de Leon and Mitch O'Farrell, for taking the bold move of putting forth and second the Motion to appoint a Voting Voice to represent the constituents of Council District 10. For two long, we have been in a yo-yo warp of on again off again without representation. The majority of the conversation has come from the small group of Petitioners filing lawsuits, as if they were speaking for all of the stakeholders in Council District 10. CD 10 has over 250,000 residents (numbers from LA County as of 2018); they do not speak for the whole, we have no voice! For me, as well as many of the residents of CD 10, this has caused many anxious periods of what would happen to our District when it is time to vote on major issues? Who will speak for us? Our District dodged a bullet during the Redistricting process. We dodged a bullet during the budget process. Herb Wesson was finally appointed as our voice, but now he is gone and we're right back to square one. On the issue of whether Mr. Wesson could legally represent the District, I don't know the answer but I'm sorry to see him go. I thought the matter would be resolved through the Court system, but now he has resigned. I supported Mark Ridley Thomas when he ran for office in the State Legislature. I voted for him again, when he ran for Board of Supervisor and a third time when he ran for City Council. When his legal issues are resolved, if he is entitled to it, I'll welcome him back to his elected position. My concern is not with taking sides for Mr. Wesson or Mr. Ridley Thomas, my concern is Council District 10 Does Not have a Voting Voice on City Council to represent our issues. We can no longer be held hostage, collateral damage, if you will, while this political fight goes on. The Court system can be a long, continuance and arduous process. Is our District supposed to be without representation while continuance after continuance is called in the court system? I think not. I support the Motion (CF-22-0981) to temporarily appoint Ms. Heather Hutt to City Council, as the Voting Voice for Council District 10. Ms. Hutt is more than qualified to take on the representation of CD 10 at Council. She was formerly the District Director for former Senator Isadore Hall, after that, she was the State Director for

then Senator Kamala Harris, our current Vice President. And later she was hired as CD 10 Chief of Staff and now Caretaker for CD 10. As Caretaker, Ms. Hutt has personally attended local meetings and has reached out to residents to learn the immediate concerns of the District. I am confident Ms. Hutt will continue to make the residents of CD 10 her priority. I respectfully request LA City Council members vote yes on the appointment of Ms. Heather Hutt as temporary Councilmember of Council District 10. Thank you, Dolores Spears 28 year CD 10 Resident