

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm speaking out despite a great fear of retaliation but my community is important to me. Heather has not been doing the work for CD10. I'm on an NC and she out right told us not to contact her when we need anything. Most of our requests to the office seem to stagnate and it's impossible to get a meeting. This is in stark contrast to the impressive responsiveness we saw under Karly. We recently submitted a pretty innocuous Community Impact Statement about median landscaping and got repeatedly chastised because it embarrassed Heather. Is this the leadership that CD10 deserves? We need someone that is interested in doing the constituent services work, not just someone vying for the ability to legislate. Nury, do you think you're clever? The people of CD10 are not pawns and we see you and we see this motion for the backroom political maneuvering that it is. We will not continue to be disrespected by you. You are not rushing this appointment through to give us a voice, you're rushing it to suppress our voices and make sure we don't get any input. We need time to respond, especially the NCs – we are volunteers and can't just throw together a special meeting because you're in a rush. You're subverting the voices of our community. Again. Why are you afraid of letting us have a say? Why are you afraid of giving NCs time to file CISes? Why didn't you get the message today and slow down? A lot was said about representation and democracy today in Council. But democracy is letting the people have a voice, it isn't having Heather go around and kiss the ring of the 14 current council members, none of which represent the people of CD10, and assuring them she can do the job. You all keep complaining about "insurrections" and the lack of decorum of those coming Downtown to yell at you, but you continue to ensure it's the only way we can be heard. We don't want to, but we have to, otherwise you curate our input to suit your needs, such as the blatant astroturfing attached to this motion. Try again. You're fooling no one. We saw the buses that people were brought in on today and we can tell all the public input is copied and pasted from a form letter. I also saw it when Heather was handing out talking points to commenters in chambers today. Everyone that seconded this motion didn't fare well in the primary – the people of Los Angeles see you all, we see what you're doing, and we're sick of it. These backers represent Nury's

eroding power base and most, if not all, will be gone in a few months. Did Heather promise to back Nury when there's no one left that wants her as council president? This isn't the first fast one Nury has tried to pull -- I'd like Raman, Krekorian, Price, and Harris-Dawson to think back to redistricting. Don't let her get away with it this time. Should we get into the duplicitous nature of Nury's press release saying she appointed Hutt last week? Was she trying to trick Angelenos or does she really just not understand the Charter? Either way she's got egg on her face today. CD10 has been torn apart and has lacked consistent representation because Nury refuses to take a thoughtful approach to doing what is right and instead insists on ramming through her political appointees as quickly as possible. I urge the Council not to make the same mistake twice. The people of LA are sick of the dirty politics. If you doubt this, look at how we're voting. Trying to mire this issue down in identity politics is reprehensible and divisive and is not the act of true leaders. This isn't about "a black woman having the audacity" to try and lead. This is about disenfranchising over 275,000 people by not letting them have a say in their representation. This is about repeatedly sowing chaos in our communities by hastily making poorly thought out and politically driven choices. This is about Nury flexing her power and ramming what she wants down our throats. This is about Council's apparent repeated need to shoot from the hip instead of being the wise and thoughtful leaders they could be. This is about the need to do what is fair and right for the community instead of what is right for those in power at City Hall. If Council truly gave even half a shit about representation you'd have a meeting in CD10 at a time stakeholders could attend without missing work. You'd allow time for folks to comment and NCs to make Community Impact Statements. But it's all lip service and talking points for pontificating around the horseshoe. Why are you afraid to hear our voices? Be the leaders that Angelenos deserve and do the right thing.