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The recently released recordings of an October 2021 conversation between former Council President Nury Martinez, Councilmember Kevin de León, Councilmember Gil Cedillo, and former Los Angeles County Federation of Labor President Ron Herrera have cast yet another shadow over Los Angeles City Hall. They follow federal indictments in recent years of three sitting City Councilmembers, and they have provided the public a window into a redistricting process stained by self-interested political gerrymandering and backroom deals.

The people of Los Angeles are right to be skeptical, suspicious, and distrustful of their city government.

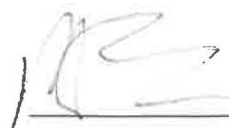
To move forward, the City Council must respond to this crisis by seriously engaging with proposals for the reform of our City government that have long been circulating, but which the Council has yet to take deliberative action to pursue. Among these are the possibility of expanding the number of City Councilmembers, removing City Councilmembers' direct discretionary power over land use decisions in their districts, reforming City rules concerning lobbyists (as proposed by the City Ethics Commission in C.F. 22-0560), and establishing a truly independent redistricting commission (as called for in C.F. 21-1472).

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council convene a new Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform, which will be charged with implementing reforms to increase transparency, limit corruption, and make City leadership more representative of our communities—with the aim of restoring the faith of the people of Los Angeles in their city government.

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