

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Jubran

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing this letter, as I am sure are many other Los Angelenos, to call for the resignation of Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo, and Kevin De Leon, as well as demand a full investigation of the Los Angeles City Council and the current redistricting maps. The comments made and released in the leaked audio of the conversation between the aforementioned council members and Ron Herrera confirmed so many of my suspicions about the disenfranchisement and complete lack of concern for Los Angeles city residents. The comments made by Nury Martinez and condoned by her colleagues were abhorrent, blatantly anti-black, anti-indigenous, anti-LGBTQ+, and generally anti-other. I have lived in Los Angeles my entire life, my family has been here for centuries, our multigenerational love for this city runs deeper than I can even begin to explain in this letter. To see such hate and calculated efforts to disenfranchise Los Angelenos on behalf of elected leaders is disheartening and embarrassing. I am of Indigenous Chicana heritage and Nury Martinez is an absolute embarrassment to the Latino community. She is representative of the Democratic political elite and self-hating Latino community who have clearly been damaged by generations of forced assimilation and white supremacy. Her mentality is a cancer in our city and the call for radical healing is essential for us to move forward as a community. I am currently a student in the California State University system working towards becoming a part of the solutions necessary to heal our city, and the absolute chaos that this revelation has spun us into has only affirmed my commitment to contributing to making meaningful change, as clearly the powers and system currently in place are an absolute failure to the people of Los Angeles. As an aspiring future educator with a commitment to advancing social work in our community, I am reminded of the work of Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, who called out the new-era racism. This racism is born of the age-old racist practices the United States has harbored from day one, and is now, like a snake in the grass, carried out in our white supremacist institutions like this council has shown. While Martinez's words were vapid and obvious, your council, with the exception of a few, is equally to blame for your covert racist practices. This includes, as described by Bonilla-Silva: "(1) the increasingly covert nature of racial discourse and practices, (2)

the avoidance of direct racial terminology, (3) the elaboration of a racial political agenda that eschews direct racial references, (4) the subtle character of most mechanisms to reproduce racial privilege, and (5) the rearticulation of some racial practices of the past.” The only difference between the council members in question and the rest of the city’s leadership is the simple fact that because of that recording they got caught. As far as I am concerned, the entire system of order in Los Angeles is compromised. The fact that the intentions of our city leaders have now been brought to light reveals why there is a continued negligence of our homeless crisis, the reason for lack of funding for our educational institutions, the blatant disenfranchisement of Black Angelenos, the gerrymandering of districts, and the divisive power grift of those whom we have entrusted our city. The current governance of the city furthers oppression of marginalized groups and as so eloquently put by the great mind of Paulo Freire, “oppression—overwhelming control—is necrophilic; it is nourished by love of death, not life.” The city is dying in the hands of the white supremacist institutions we continue to uphold and the city leaders who ascribe to furthering their own political agendas rather than serving the people of Los Angeles. It is far time to give the power back to the people. You have a responsibility to be transparent and to execute swift and immediate change. Abolition of the racist and classist systems in place in the city of Los Angeles is essential. If I may quote Shawn Ginwright in closing, “Leadership, in this sense, is much more like a love letter to justice than a prescriptive set of attributes. The love letter is vulnerable, honest, and imperfect, yet all the while striving, in all its might, to reach freedom and simply tell us how young people try to make the world a little better than it was when they arrived.” Cordially, Sara Jubran

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Name: Courtney Davison

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of CD14, I'm disgusted and appalled by the recent revelations from the leaked audio tape featuring CM Kevin de Leon, along with CMs Nury Martinez and Gil Cedillo—not only the unabashed racism but the disenfranchisement of renters in Los Angeles. I demand the resignation of Councilmember de Leon, in addition to the resignations of CM Nartinez and Cedillo. No meetings should be held while these councilmembers are still on City Council.

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Name: Jennifer McFadden

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Comments for Public Posting: Martinez, DeLeon, Cedillo must all resign from the City Council in order for our city to move forward. Their remarks and silence in the face of racism and bigotry serve no Angelino. I voted for Kevin DeLeon in the mayoral primary and am horrified that he did not speak up when the then Council President spewed hate, racism, and bigotry.

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Name: Susan Lambert

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Comments for Public Posting: Council members Nury Martínez, Gil Cedillo, and Kevin De León need to resign LA City Council. If they do not resign, they must be removed. The LA City Council cannot function or govern until they are gone. The LA City Council has lost the faith of the people because so many members have been revealed to be corrupt, racist, classist, and offensive to the people of Los Angeles through their own words and actions. They can NOT remain on the council. Mitch cannot be president.