

Communication from Public

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Honorable Council Members (except De Leon and Cedillo are no longer honorable),

I posted these comments on my Facebook wall, prior to Martinez and Herrera's resignation. I am adding them to my public comment to let you know how disillusioned I am with representatives of the City Council.

Nury Martinez, I respected you, hugged you photo-ops with you, now I view you with a jaded-eye. Gill Cedillo you carried a Bill I authored through my Union for my Union members, that was signed into law by the Governor; I always remembered, admired and had a smile for you. That smile has turned down into a disappointing scowl. Ron Herrera, I don't know you, you came on board with the Federation after I retired. But, I have to wonder, what you have to say or think about all the African American and other Union members that pay their dues and look up to you for leadership in the labor movement. And Kevin De Leon, I said to you weeks ago at Council meeting, that "Black Women Are Watching!" You responded with "and they like what they see!" Well Kevin, I'm here to tell you No They Don't! All of your apologies mean nothing! In my opinion, your apologies are because you got caught.

The audio just revealed how these three really felt and would do anything to boost their own power-grab standing in their District. Seems to me their actions are a clear violation of the City and possibly State policies on Ethics, Code of Conduct and especially their deplorable and comments related to Anti-Bias.

What is going on at City Hall? Jose Huizar's bribery charges, Ridley-Thomas facing corruption charges, Mitch Englander in jail for scheming to obstruct corruption probe and taking cash. Now the City is dealing with this scandal!

Six! Six of the fifteen (15) Council Members involved in activity that has "undermined the public's trust." ***In prosecuting Englander's case, the Justice Department stated Englander "was motivated by plain old-fashioned greed, selfishness and a desperate desire to cling to his status as a wealthy and powerful City official."*** They noted that the corrupt conduct has ***"caused lasting civic damage by undermining the City's faith in its public servants."***

For the most part, these comments about Englander, in my opinion holds true for the Council members in the current scandal. Our City cannot move forward until Councilmen's De Leon and Cedillo resign. Herrera and Cedillo condoned the comments by remaining silent. I therefore support CF 22-1195 to censure and 22-1189 to censure and the demand to resign.

Thank you,
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