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SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022 - 8:00pm-9:00pm

Zoom Online Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85891849063>

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The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities. More detailed information can be found at the end of the agenda.

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ALL ITEMS ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
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- 1) **Call to Order/Roll Call*** 8:00pm
- 2) **Welcome and rules for action on virtual meeting** 8:02pm
- 3) **Rules for action on agenda items** 8:02pm
Public and Board comment on all agenda items is limited to 1 minute per speaker INCLUDING answers to any questions posed. Pausing of speaker time will not be permitted. Time may be extended at Co-Chair's discretion.
- 4) **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items*** 8:03pm
1 minute per comment
- 5) **New Business** 8:07pm
 - a) Discussion and possible action regarding statements made in October 2021 by Los Angeles City Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin De León, and Gil Cedillo, including Community Impact Statement (CIS) and/or Letter requesting resignations
- Adjournment** 9:00pm

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Council Motions

Introduced in the Council meeting of October 11, 2022

The following Council Motions were introduced during today's City Council meeting. Council file numbers have not been assigned at this time and are currently being processed. To obtain the Council file numbers, please refer to the Council and Committee Referral "Hot Sheet" for the date listed above.

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #51

MOTION

I MOVE, pursuant to Council Rule 3, that an election be held to select a new Council President inasmuch as the resignation of the previously elected President has removed her from that office and rendered it vacant.

PRESENTED BY Monica Rodriguez
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY Heather
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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
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MOTION

I MOVE that the Council hold an election, pursuant to Council Rule 3, to fill the office of Council President in order to replace the previously elected President who has resigned from that office.

PRESENTED BY *Mitch O'Farrell*
MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilman, 13th District

SECONDED BY *Paul*
Paul Kekoria
Paul Hunt

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RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

On October 9, 2022, the Los Angeles Times reported on statements made approximately one year earlier during a meeting among Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin De León and Gil Cedillo, along with local labor leader Ron Herrera.

During that meeting, which was secretly recorded, the group participated in extended discussions that were fraught with blatantly racist and hateful comments. These comments included racial slurs and cruel mockery directed at members of the African American, LGBTQ, indigenous and Armenian American communities, as well as derisive comments about “white members” of the Council. Some of the comments were directed at an African American child who is the son of a Member of the City Council. The comments made during that meeting were abhorrent and indefensible.

All elected officials of the City are expected to conform to the highest standards of personal and professional conduct. At all times, and especially at the very moment when our nation and our city have suffered so painfully from hatred, racism and toxic divisiveness, every Member of the City Council must demonstrate a clear commitment to uniting people around our common values and our common interests in building a better future together. Every Member of the City Council has an obligation to ensure that our constituents can have confidence that we will serve each of them with equity, fairness and dignity, and that no resident of our city will be mistreated or excluded because of their identity.

During that meeting, each of the Members of the City Council who made or otherwise participated in these statements grossly failed to meet the high standards expected of them as elected officials of this city. Their actions and inactions were completely contrary to the standard of conduct that the public is entitled to demand of its elected public servants. They demonstrated contempt and disrespect toward communities and individuals they were elected to serve, and they have damaged the public’s faith in how this city is governed.

Community leaders and members of the public have responded with justified outrage, condemning the words of all four participants in the recorded meeting and calling for the immediate resignation of the three Councilmembers.

Under the City Charter, the Council’s powers to suspend or remove a Member are limited to specific circumstances defined therein. The power to remove members for offensive misconduct of this kind is reserved to the voters of their districts. Section 209 of the Charter, however, gives the Council the power “to adopt, by a two-thirds vote, a resolution of censure with respect to any member of the Council whose actions constitute a gross failure to meet [the highest standards of personal and professional conduct], even if the action does not constitute a ground for removal from office under the Charter.”

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For all of these reasons, the City Council of Los Angeles does hereby RESOLVE that Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin De León and Gil Cedillo are hereby CENSURED for their conduct and statements during the referenced meeting of October 2021, and the Council joins the community in demanding their immediate resignation from the Council.

Paul Krekorian Mike Bonin
Councilmember, 2nd District Councilmember, 11th District

Mitch O'Farrell Curren Price
Councilmember, 13th District Councilmember, 9th District



Nithya Raman
Councilmember, 4th District

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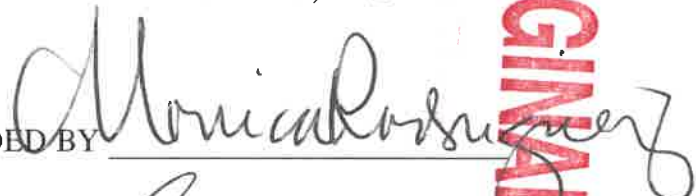


MOTION

I MOVE that the Council hereby RESOLVE, pursuant to Charter §209, to censure Councilmembers Cedillo, DeLeon and Martinez for their racially insensitive and divisive statements, as reported in the media, which constitute a gross failure to conform with and meet the highest standards of personal and professional conduct, even if their actions do not constitute a ground for removal from office under the Charter.

PRESENTED BY


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilman, 3rd District

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Motion

Almost 100 years ago, the City voters adopted the charter reforms submitted by the "Board of Freeholders", which were developed in 1923, voted on in 1924, and enacted in 1925. At the time, the charter reform movement was focused on tackling corruption, ensuring efficient government, and improving representation. Although many smaller changes took place after the 1925 charter reform movement, the next major change didn't take place until the late 1990s, ushering in important updates such as the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and restructured roles and duties of the Council and Mayor.

As the second largest city in the United States, Los Angeles is a major world-wide center of economic, cultural, and industrial power. As of the last US Census, the City grew approximately 3%, to 3.898 million people, a change of just over 106,000 residents since the 2010 census count. The City is home to some of the largest communities outside of their respective countries: Korean, Armenian, Salvadoran, Mexican, Filipino and others, making Los Angeles a major immigrant destination.

Between 1920 and 1929, the City's population grew from an approximate 577,000 residents, to just over 1.2 million. It was under this major growth that the City voters chose to create a Council with 15 members representing the unique corners of the City. With just under 4 million residents, it is time for the City to once again focus on representation. The Council should reflect the city residents that they serve; a charter amendment to increase the number of seats with methodology that ties council membership to population will help meet that goal.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the Assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the steps needed to place a charter reform ballot initiative before the voters of Los Angeles in 2024, with recommendations that ensure representation is fixed to population growth, in order to increase the number of Los Angeles City Council seats.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to prepare a report that outlines and sets forth an immediate redistricting process to implement the updated reforms, after passage of the above-mentioned charter reform ballot initiative.

PRESENTED BY:

Mitch O'Farrell

Mitch O'Farrell
Councilmember, 13th District

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MOTION

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.

PRESENTED BY:



NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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In light of the recent release of the 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, the City Council and the public have lost faith in the ability of Councilmember Nury Martinez to effectively spearhead the city's response to the COVID-19 emergency or preside over the development of Council rules and elections.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Council President to remove Councilmember Nury Martinez from the position of Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment and Chair of the Rules, Election, and Intergovernmental Relations at the soonest opportunity.

PRESENTED BY:


NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:






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I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Council President to remove Councilmember Kevin de León from the position of Chair of the Homelessness and Poverty Committee at the soonest opportunity.

PRESENTED BY:



MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY:



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I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Council President to remove Councilmember Gil Cedillo from the position of Chair of the Housing Committee at the soonest opportunity.

PRESENTED BY: 
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY: 

Keith Wall

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