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# HERMON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Honorable City Council  
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Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Council File 22-1189

The Hermon Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be attached/added to Council File 22-1189: Elected Officials / Offensive Misconducts / Immediate Resignation Demand / Censure.

October 15, 2022

## **Council File 22-1189: Elected Officials / Offensive Misconducts / Immediate Resignation Demand / Censure**

The Hermon Neighborhood Council demands that Councilmembers Kevin de León and Gil Cedillo immediately resign from the Los Angeles City Council. Every day they fail to take full accountability for their actions they bring damage to the City and to the Districts that they represent. As widely reported, these councilmembers engaged in a reprehensible conversation with the then-City Council President Nury Martinez (who has since resigned from her City Council seat) that disparaged and disrespected Angelenos, specifically Councilmember Mike Bonin and his family, the Black community, the LGBTQ+ community, Oaxacan immigrants, and under-resourced communities and residents of Los Angeles, among many others.

The premise of the meeting—during which our City representatives were most concerned with consolidating political power for personal gain and claiming territory for their economic interests instead of fairly representing the people in the communities that they serve—requires further examination and investigation. This conversation was an affront to the citizens in the communities that

these representatives serve and demonstrates that these individuals have no place holding public office in our City.

While the resignation of De León and Cedillo will not fully repair the damage that has been done to our City, it is the first step in showing true accountability. The citizens of Los Angeles, our Council District, and our community of Hermon cannot begin to restore our faith in our representation while these individuals remain in power. Failure of these representatives to resign continues to erode any remaining trust we have in the leadership of this City. This is not the leadership that Angelenos deserve.

In terms of our community of Hermon and the Hermon Neighborhood Council, we are extremely disturbed and saddened by the conduct of our Councilmember Kevin De León. Hermon prides itself in being a diverse and inclusive place. All are welcome in our community regardless of ethnicity, race, class, gender, and sexual orientation. Following the controversy and shame that plagued Council District 14 due to the actions of the previous councilmember, we were hopeful that De León would restore honor to this office. Now we feel betrayed and sickened by De León's participation and lack of intervention in this racist, classist, and defamatory discussion that has diminished our trust and belief in our City representation.

It is time for our City to heal. It is time for Kevin de León and Gil Cedillo to resign now.

CIS voted on October 15, 2022

Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstain: 0