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November 9, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF 21-1203 - Appoint Councilmember for Council District 10

We write today regarding the serious situation in Council District 10. Given the suspension of Councilmember Ridley-Thomas, we, the constituents of District 10, find ourselves in a precarious situation. We are completely unrepresented in all city council matters. The City Council has disenfranchised over 250,000 constituents by placing a mere caretaker rather than a voting member of City Council.

With pressing issues of consequence; including COVID-19 recovery, homelessness response, and the critical, once in a decade redistricting; representation is crucial. Therefore, we demand the City Council act immediately to fill the void and provide District 10 with leadership and representation.

We appreciate the continued dedication of Council District 10 staff. However, to remove the disadvantage to our district, we must have a board appointed representative with the full capability of committee and council meeting participation, as well as the ability to make motions and cast votes.

Please consider this serious situation for a constituency at risk, and take immediate action to place a dedicated representative, with experience and familiarity with the district, in position to adequately represent Council District 10.

Regards,

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWANDC)



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RE: CF 21-1203 - Appoint Honorable Herb Wesson to CD 10

We request that the Honorable Herb Wesson, if willing, be appointed immediately to serve as an interim representative for Council District 10, with the full capability of committee and council meeting participation, as well as the ability to make motions and cast votes, until such time as Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas' suspension is rescinded or a new Councilmember is elected.

During this important time of redistricting, we must have representation that understands and can advocate for our community. Honorable Herb Wesson's knowledge of our district and his experience as a councilmember gives him the unique ability to represent our needs during this crucial time. His appointment would expedite equitable representation and put an end to CD10 constituents' disenfranchisement.

Additionally, Honorable Herb Wesson's appointment would allow for a smooth transition of power should Councilmember Ridley-Thomas be called upon to resume his duties after a favorable resolution of his indictment or upon the election of a new councilmember.

The Honorable Herb Wesson has always been willing to serve the people and we can only hope that he will be amenable to stepping in to serve during these challenging times.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWANDC)