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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/17/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 10/19/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-1189

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: [PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FOR FULL COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT] The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, an elected advisory board of volunteers which represents 60,000 residents, employees and business owners in Highland Park, is writing to firmly condemn the hateful, derogatory and racist comments from an October 2021 private meeting with former Councilmember Nury Martinez that were recently revealed. Your actions and inactions have hurt innumerable Angelenos and breached the trust and confidence of the residents that you represent and the supporters who elected you. ... You were elected to represent all Angelenos. The reckless, mean-spirited and hurtful comments are counter-productive to the work of every neighborhood council and elected official. Councilmembers de León and Cedillo, you represent Highland Park, one of Los Angeles' oldest, most diverse communities. You are both well versed in and know the challenges that face our community: poverty, gentrification, land use and development that displace longtime residents and foment divisiveness between new and old residents. We are deeply concerned about your ability to address these challenges in your current compromised position. Your behavior does not reflect the honor, privilege and responsibility of serving Los Angeles as elected officials. As a Board, we call on Councilmembers de León and Cedillo to follow the lead of former Councilmember Martinez to resign your posts effective immediately. Your reluctance to resign is delaying the rebuilding process towards creating a more unified Los Angeles.

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## HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

October 17, 2022

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The Historic Highland Park 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.

Dear Councilmembers de León and Cedillo:

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The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council recognizes the importance of cultural equity and inclusivity, mutual respect and tolerance that are the foundation of Los Angeles' sprawling mosaic of

Councilmembers Kevin de León and Gilbert Cedillo

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cultures. Every HHPNC board member appreciates Los Angeles as a model city where myriad cultures and peoples thrive and where residents and immigrants can realize the American dream regardless of race or origin. The same city that supported your remarkable career achievements and ascents as community leaders and elected officials.

HHPNC board members are committed to nurturing this special culture and building consensus and community. We provide an inclusive forum for the underrepresented, the poor and the most vulnerable to express their concerns, struggles and fears; a platform for residents who otherwise have no other audience among Los Angeles' byzantine government. HHPNC continues to work hard to help people cope with the unprecedented anxieties related to the COVID-19 pandemic, affordable housing and the rapidly increasing cost of living. We recognize that our communities are stronger united.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harry Blumsack', written in a cursive style.

Harry Blumsack

President

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

cc: Mayor Garcetti  
Los Angeles City Council