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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/01/2022

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Agenda Date:

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Summary: The ERNC strongly condemns the racist statements made and sentiments expressed during a meeting in October of 2021, between Councilmembers Martinez, Cedillo, and de León, and Los Angeles County Federation of Labor President Herrera. The vile, reprehensible anti-blackness, anti-LGBTQ, anti-indigenous, antisemitic, and anti-Armenian statements are an offense to our community and to our city. Councilmember Martinez has resigned, as has labor leader Herrera. Councilmembers Cedillo and de León should do what is right and also resign.

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**Community Impact Statement in Support of Council File 22-1189, Elected Officials
/ Offensive Misconducts / Immediate Resignation Demand / Censure**

November 21, 2022

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmembers,

We declare that on November 1, 2022, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) at which a quorum was present. The following motion for a CIS in support of CF 22-1189, Elected Officials / Offensive Misconducts / Immediate Resignation Demand / Censure passed unanimously:

The ERNC strongly condemns the racist statements made and sentiments expressed during a meeting in October of 2021, between Councilmembers Martinez, Cedillo, and de León, and Los Angeles County Federation of Labor President Herrera. The vile, reprehensible anti-blackness, anti-LGBTQ, anti-indigenous, antisemitic, and anti-Armenian statements are an offense to our community and to our city. Councilmember Martinez has resigned, as has labor leader Herrera. Councilmembers Cedillo and de León should do what is right and also resign.

The taped meeting shows a calculated effort to wield and consolidate power for personal gain. The efforts to skew the redistricting process in order to disempower and disenfranchise black residents, an effort that wrongly pits black and brown constituents against each other, is contrary to the values that we believe a Councilmember should hold. The vulgar and crass language used to demean certain ethnic groups displays a lack of respect for the very people they are supposed to represent. Latino leaders expressing anti-indigenous sentiments towards their own community members is the height of hypocrisy. The racist and bigoted language used to describe individuals and groups does not belong in the mouths of elected leaders and can only be seen as reflecting racist beliefs. Whether an individual uttered those words, or silently accepted them, both are equally complicit.

There are enormous social inequalities that need to be addressed in this city, and in this community. This city has long been divided, physically and socially, along ethnic lines. It is impossible for a person of color living in this city not to feel the burden of this division and the impediments to equality it creates. In a time when marginalized communities are under attack, it is crucial for all people of color, and all marginalized communities to support one another and work together. Instead, Councilmembers Cedillo and de León have sought to divide us. If there is progress to be made in healing the endemic divisions and those currently being fostered, it can only be made by elected representatives who are trusted and credible. Given the statements and sentiments expressed, the ERNC finds it impossible to continue to support Councilmembers Cedillo and de León. They have destroyed all trust placed in them and lost all credibility needed to effectively lead. The ERNC calls for Councilmembers Cedillo and de León to resign immediately and allow our community to fill the leadership void they have created.

Please place this letter in the case file, and acknowledge its receipt via email to: **executive@ernc.la**. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard M. Loew', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard M. Loew
President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

cc: Office of Councilmember Kevin de León
Office of Councilmember Gil Cedillo