

AD HOC CENSURE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the censure, pursuant to Charter Section 209, of Councilmembers Cedillo, De Leon and Martinez for their racially insensitive and divisive statements.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Resolution (Blumenfield - Rodriguez - Price - O'Farrell):

1. SUSPEND COUNCIL RULE NO. 88 in order to adopt Resolution (Blumenfield - Rodriguez - Price - O'Farrell).
2. ADOPT the RESOLUTION (Blumenfield - Rodriguez - Price - O'Farrell) to CENSURE, pursuant to Charter 209, Councilmembers Cedillo, De Leon and Martinez for their racially insensitive and divisive statements, 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, pursuant to findings of the leaked audio recording from an October 2021 meeting, as reported by the Los Angeles Times.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Harbor City Neighborhood Council
Zapata – King Neighborhood Council
Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council
East Hollywood Neighborhood Council
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
Echo Park Neighborhood Council
NoHo Neighborhood Council
Reseda Neighborhood Council
Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council
Mid-City Neighborhood Council
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY:

At a special meeting held on October 26, 2022, the Ad Hoc Censure Committee considered a Resolution (Blumenfield - Rodriguez - Price - O'Farrell) relative to the censure, pursuant to Charter 209, of Councilmembers Cedillo, De Leon and Martinez for their racially insensitive and divisive statements, 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.

Pursuant to Charter Section 209, Code of Conduct of Elected Officials; Censure, all elected officials of the City are expected to conform to the highest standards of personal and professional conduct. The Council shall have 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 such high standards, even if the action does not constitute a ground for removal from office under the Charter.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendation in the Resolution, as amended, as stated above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

AD HOC CENSURE COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
HUTT:	YES
LEE:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES

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