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Summary: CIS Call for Resignations in Wake of Racist Comments by CM Nury Martinez, De León, and Cedillo. The Pacoima Neighborhood Council calls on Councilmember Martinez, De León, and Cedillo to immediately resign from the Los Angeles city council. As widely reported by Knock LA (<https://knock-la.com/nurymartinezcity-council-president-leaked-racist-audio/>), LA Times(<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-10-09/citycouncilleaked-audio-nury-martinez-kevin-de-leon-gil-cedillo>) and, all three councilmembers engaged in an abhorrent conversation that disparaged and disrespected Councilmember Mike Bonin and his family, other city council members, the Black community, the redistricting process, and Angelenos everywhere. These three council members should take ownership of their vile and inexcusable actions and immediately resign. Thank you, -Mikayeel Khan  
President Pacoima Neighborhood Council.

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Councilmembers, the Black community, the redistricting process, and Angelenos everywhere. These three councilmembers should take ownership of their vile and inexcusable actions and immediately resign. While resignation will not begin to repair the damage that has been done to our city, it is the first step in showing true accountability and remorse. Los Angeles cannot begin to heal while these three remain in power.

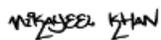
There were multiple examples of discrimination on display that day. Councilmember de León compared an adopted Black child to a luxury handbag. Councilmember Martinez disparaged the Indigeno us Oaxacan community in Koreatown saying, “I see a lot of little, short dark people,” employing stereotypes long used against Oaxacans in Mexico and in the United States. “I was like, I don’t know where these people are from, I don’t know what village they came [from], how they got here,” Martinez said, before adding “Tan feos” - (They are so ugly). Martinez called Councilmember Bonin’s son a “changito (little monkey)” and expressed that “this kid needs a beat down” regarding his excitement at participating in an MLK Day parade.

The behavior evidenced by Nury Martinez, Kevin de León, and Gil Cedillo would never be tolerated at the Neighborhood Council level.

Pacoima Neighborhood Council members are required to both adhere to a Code of Conduct and take Anti-Bias training as part of our service. The members of the City Council should lead by example, rather than by becoming a national laughingstock. The rules around our decorum and training are clear. Equally clear is the double standard that exists for members of the City Council. Were Neighborhood Council members to behave in a similar manner, we would face censure, removal and dismissal by our own board, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. In fact, elected officials have been removed from Neighborhood Councils for much less egregious violations than what we have heard here.

Thank you,

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-Mikayeel Khan

President

Pacoima Neighborhood Council.