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

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Summary: The Voices Neighborhood Council on January 10, 2023 voted 12-0 to SUPPORT, City Council File 22-1285 to request the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Attorney report with recommendations that amend the Rules of the City Council to include a list of potential consequences that can be imposed upon a censured Councilmember.



VOICES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL General Board



01/10/2023
RE: Council File: 22-1285

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Councilmember Curren D. Price Jr.
4301 S. Central Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90011

Via Email

Dear Councilmember Curren D. Price Jr.,

The Voices Neighborhood Council on January 10, 2023 voted 12-0 to SUPPORT, City Council File 22-1285 to request the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Attorney report with recommendations that amend the Rules of the City Council to include a list of potential consequences that can be imposed upon a censured Councilmember.

Voices previously supported Council File: 22-1189, supporting the censure of former councilmembers Nury Martinez and Gil Cedillo, and current Councilmember Kevin de Leon.

As we have seen in the months after the leaked audio tape showing racist and racially divisive remarks by these members, a censure is nothing but a finger wag. It is a toothless measure that while meant to show outrage and solidarity, has done nothing of consequence.

We support the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Governance committee on potential consequences including the banning of sending mass mailers, use of discretionary funds, introducing motions, participating in council committees or authorizing contracts. That said, there are contracts, information, and services that are vital to community members. Organizations that need to introduce motions, commissioners that need to be approved, etc. We would also ask that in thinking of how we handle censures moving forward, that there be a designated councilmember to make some of those approvals in the absence of a councilmember (and without the appointment of a caretaker).

Censured councilmembers should not be rehabilitating their image and name with council resources, so we'd also like for you to consider how the removal of a councilmember's name from their Council District office logos might be another either temporary or permanent option, applicable to all 15 council offices. These positions are not the property of councilmembers– they belong to the people.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and appreciate your commitment to strengthening our community.

Sincerely,
Dulce Vasquez, Vice Chair
vicechair@voicesnc.org
CC: Bryce Rosauro, Deputy for CD9