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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LIUNA DEMANDS RESIGNATIONS OF COUNCILMEMBERS NURY MARTINEZ, KEVIN DE LEON, AND GIL CEDILLO

Southern California LIUNA statement released by LIUNA International Vice President Rocco Davis, Southern California District Council of Laborers Business Manager Jon. P. Preciado, LIUNA Local 300 Business Manager Sergio Rascon, LIUNA Local 345 Business Manager Ed Learn, LIUNA Local 777 Business Manager Victor M. Gordo, LIUNA Local 1309 Business Manager Mario Suales, LIUNA Local 724 Business Manager Alex Aguilar Jr., and LIUNA Local 1414 Business Manager Vince Uribe

As an organization that represents the interests of a diverse membership of every color, and is founded on the principle that all people deserve equal rights and opportunities, LIUNA condemns all forms of racism and racist speech. On behalf of our members in Los Angeles, and all of Southern California, we call for the immediate resignation of Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin de Leon, and Gil Cedillo. We demand that they follow the example of Ron Herrera, who did the right thing by resigning his office as President of LA County Federation of Labor.

The conduct of these City Council members and the head of the LA County Federation of Labor undermines the trust that we must have in our elected government officials and labor leaders. We must trust that all our leaders look out for the interests of the people they serve, not favoring one race or group over another. We must trust that our leaders' conduct, both in public *and in private*, reflects this basic notion of fairness and equality. When our leaders betray this trust, they must go. Only then can we begin the healing process for the harm caused by such reprehensible behavior.

People are already suspicious of government and are deeply polarized. The conduct of Nury Martinez, Kevin de Leon, Gil Cedillo and Ron Herrera that has come to light recently just adds to this distrust. We need leaders who bring us together, not divide us. Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin de Leon, and Gil Cedillo are *not* these leaders and they must resign now.

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