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SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL AFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION AND CONDEMNS INAPPROPRIATE AND RACIST COMMENTS

SAN FERNANDO, CA - The City Council of the City of San Fernando condemns the inappropriate and racist comments made by Los Angeles City Councilmembers Kevin De Leon and Gil Cedillo, former Los Angeles City Councilmember Nury Martinez, and former President of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Ron Herrera. Their comments betrayed the trust of the people, their colleagues, the communities they represent, and the City of Los Angeles. It is critical that a clear message is sent that they must ALL step down from their positions of leadership and be held accountable for the damage they have caused to all communities. Only then can trust be established again by electing new representatives who embrace diversity and are committed to the important work in each of their respective districts.

We are inspired by the outpouring of support and solidarity by residents of the City of San Fernando, and communities nationwide, speaking up against anti-black and anti-indigenous racism. As leaders representing racially diverse and dynamic constituencies, we reiterate that bigotry and racial prejudice have no place in our society.

The City of San Fernando is committed to looking inward and doubling down on our work to ensure that institutional racism and prejudices are rooted out and diminished in our own government. In this pursuit, a new Ad Hoc has been established to evaluate City policies and practices and to prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion. We believe that at this critical moment, we must remind ourselves to be proactive as a community to address systemic racism. We must all heal, learn from this moment, and commit to serving our City with respect, ethics, dignity and integrity.

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