



October 27, 2021

The Honorable Nury Martinez, President
Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members
City Hall – 200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File No. 12-1203, Suspension of Council Member Mark Ridley-Thomas

Dear Council President Martinez and Council Members:

The suspension of Council District 10's elected official, Mark Ridley-Thomas, leaves UNNC (The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council) and Council District 10's residents without a representative who can speak for them at City Council, or vote on their behalf. UNNC has a larger purpose of advising the City of Los Angeles on issues concerning City governance, the needs of UNNC and its stakeholders, the delivery of City services to this community and on matters of a Citywide nature.

Although City Council's action per Council File No. 21-1203 is authorized by Charter Section 211, that action certainly was also a rush with no plan in place to support CD10's residents. We request that an interim "Caretaker" be appointed, and that the Caretaker have an interim place on the Los Angeles City Council itself, with voice and vote.

Suspending Mr. Ridley-Thomas comes at a critical time for UNNC, the 10th District, and the Los Angeles City Council as a whole. Two major issues are Redistricting, and the Housing Element – both initiatives have impacts for many years to come. UNNC also has day-to-day concerns regarding the delivery of constituent service.

UNNC requests that the City Council immediately appoint an Interim Caretaker who has the temporary authority to act in the stead of the elected Council member, with the ability to join the other 14 Council members at scheduled meetings, speak on the District residents' behalf and vote. We want to be fully represented and don't want to rely on other council members to represent us as District 14 had to in 2020.



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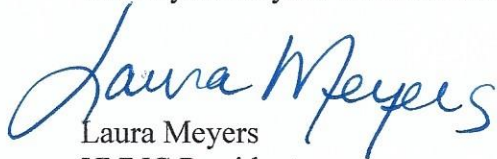
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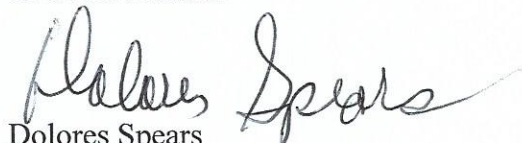
In addition, UNNC requests that the City Council immediately adopt a plan allowing oversight on CD10's discretionary funds budget to enable some funds to be spent as perhaps they would have had this situation not occurred.

It is crucial that the City Council take actions that make the residents of CD10 whole, and that we are treated equitably.

Thank you for your consideration.



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