



Coalition for Economic Survival Calls for the Resignation of LA City Leaders

The Coalition for Economic Survival recognizes that our city is hurting and is in deep trouble.

The ugly face of racism has risen again. But this time it's on the faces we know. It revealed itself in the hearts of some of our friends and allies.

CES knows the disappointment, the outrage, the embarrassment and the sadness hit us all extremely hard – a gut punch that hurts like hell.

And, while they may have been friends and allies, they violated the trust, undermined their credibility and dishonored their reputation with their constituents and the people of this city.

As elected officials and as human beings there is no place for the type of anti-Black racism, homophobic, anti-Indigenous, antisemitism, anti-Armenian and anti-renter sentiments and just downright meanness that was demonstrated at that meeting.

Plotting to deny renters a strong majority council district is another indication why the city has failed in adequately protecting tenants, preserving existing affordable housing and preventing displacement and homelessness.

This has created a firestorm that has been reported nationally and internationally, and has brought disgrace to our City of Angels.

CES staff and members' hearts and love go out to Councilmember Mike Bonin, his husband Sean and most importantly to their son, Jacob, who will hopefully overcome and not be scared by this hate-filled moment. The attacks on Jacob were especially inappropriate and cruel.

At a time, when we are facing hate crimes, right-wing attacks on Critical Race Theory, voter suppression and attacks on voting rights, conservative advancement of replacement theory, a rise of



antisemitism, Islamophobia, sexism, homophobia, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders hostility and continued racism against black and brown communities, an incident like this only serves to fan the flames of hate.

It may be difficult at times, it may be extremely challenging, but we can never give up our commitment to building unity and equity, and fighting racism wherever and whenever we encounter it.

Thus, as the broad-based growing group of elected officials from President Biden on down and community leaders across the City, County and State have raised their voices in rightful rage and condemnation, the Coalition for Economic Survival joins with them in calling for LA City Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin de Leon and Gil Cedillo, to follow the actions of LA County Federation of Labor President Ron Herrera and resign immediately.

These resignations are absolutely necessary if the City Council has any chance of winning back the trust and respect of the people and for this city to heal from the deep pain that has been inflicted upon it.

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