

THERE IS NO ROOM FOR RACISM. PERIOD.

On behalf of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIAILA) and our 4500+ members, we strongly rebuke the racist remarks, derogatory comments, and hateful behavior made at the meeting between former City Council President Nury Martinez, Councilmember Kevin DeLeón and Councilmember Gil Cedillo.

Their abhorrent actions have wounded our city severely and, as more revelations become known, it is with urgency that AIA Los Angeles calls for Councilmembers Kevin DeLeón and Gil Cedillo to resign immediately.

Our heart goes out to the families and communities that were insulted by their repugnant discussion in the context of redistricting our council district boundaries, and it is inexcusable for anyone to tolerate such cruel remarks without standing up and speaking out against racism in all actions. Their discussion behind closed doors brings the systemic issue to light and we must focus on how to address the broader issue of race-based tribalism in the way that our City Council makes decisions that impact us all. As professionals and as members of impacted communities, we do not agree with politics that seek to undermine any members of our community.

As a city, Los Angeles is one of the most diverse places on earth. We pride ourselves on being home to so many cultures, races, and ethnicities. It is our diversity that gives us our strength and enhances our power to deliver creative, innovative, and effective solutions worldwide. As Angelenos, we acknowledge the pressing need to continue discussing and advocating for diversity, inclusion, and equity in our city and in our profession. As architects and designers, we are committed to ensuring that our spaces and places dignify the human experience for all in a healthy, inclusive, and equitable way.

As an organization, AIA Los Angeles is committed to advancing the core values of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion for all. We look forward to bringing together the design community to strengthen and unite our city and to advance programs, initiatives, policies, and outcomes that ensure health and prosperity for all communities across our region.

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Together we stand strong.

Truly yours,



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