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## **NALEO Calls for Resignation of Los Angeles City Council President**

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**Washington, D.C.** – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) today released the following statement regarding racist and insensitive remarks from Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez.

“As elected leaders, our nation’s public officials are expected to rise to a higher calling and represent the best interests of all their constituents. What we heard transpire during a conversation among our local leaders in the recording released this weekend was appalling, heartbreaking, and simply unacceptable.

“There is no room for racist language and hateful incendiary rhetoric to coexist with the duties of serving in public office, especially in a place as diverse as the City of Los Angeles. We call on Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez to resign from her leadership post and office, and also ask that the other City Councilmembers involved, Kevin de Leon and Gil Cedillo, assess the actions they need to take.

“Words matter, and we cannot turn a blind eye to anti-black or homophobic sentiments. The time for unity is now, and we stand ready to work with our brothers and sisters throughout the community to move the City of Los Angeles forward.”

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### **About NALEO**

*The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the non-partisan leadership organization of the nation’s more than 7,000 Latino elected and appointed officials.*