

# ASLMU Senate

## Resolution SR 22-1

### Condemning Los Angeles City Council's Leaked Audio Recordings

*I. WHEREAS*, Councilmember Mike Bonin not only represents Loyola Marymount University, but has also been a frequent guest at events like our annual Christmas Tree Lighting and is a friend to the university.

*II. WHEREAS*, Loyola Marymount University's mission statement includes "the promotion of justice" and the university credits itself on "invit[ing] men and women diverse in talents, interests, and cultural backgrounds to enrich our educational community and advance our mission."<sup>1</sup>

*III. WHEREAS*, a report from the Los Angeles Times detailed a recorded conversation between Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo, and Kevin De Leon in October 2021 where they used racist, homophobic, and xenophobic remarks referring to Councilmember Mike Bonin and his child, as well as constituents of Los Angeles.

*IV. WHEREAS*, the conversation detailed in the same report was a part of an effort to disenfranchise the marginalized communities in Los Angeles through gerrymandering beneficial to the political interests of the councilmembers involved, by grouping minority populations into certain districts.

*V. WHEREAS*, Loyola Marymount University has hosted multiple mayoral debates this election cycle featuring Congresswoman Karen Bass, a candidate for mayor of Los Angeles, and if elected, she would represent the Loyola Marymount University community in city hall.

*VI. WHEREAS*, Councilmember Nury Martinez has resigned as President of the Los Angeles City Council and subsequently as a member of the city council altogether.

*IX. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University join in the calls for Councilmembers Gil Cedillo and Kevin De Leon to resign their position as councilmembers for the city of Los Angeles.

*X. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University adds their voices to the calls for Congresswoman Karen Bass to publicly reject the endorsements of Councilmembers Martinez and Councilmember De Leon in her race for mayor, as they do not reflect the values of Loyola Marymount University, which she would represent as mayor.

*XI. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University will pursue and actualize an on-campus initiative to educate the student body, faculty, and staff, on the implications of this incident.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.lmu.edu/about/mission/>

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*XII. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University stand in solidarity with our councilmember, Mike Bonin, and send our best wishes to him, his son, and his whole family.

*XIII. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University request that Loyola Marymount University join in our efforts.

  
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