



MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER

— DISTRICT 10 —

October 18, 2021

Members of the Council
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Council President and Councilmembers:

I trust that you are all aware of the allegations that were made against me on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Throughout my entire career, I have sought to act with the utmost ethical conviction. I have every intent of fighting these outrageous allegations and expect to be fully exonerated.

I am proud of my work as an educator, activist and public servant over the last four decades, including my last 30 years of service as an elected official at the City, County and State level. In each capacity, I have focused on addressing social disparities and injustices, promoting community wellbeing, and enhancing public safety. Since rejoining the Council, I have found the work to be challenging and yet more fulfilling than ever – most notably the efforts we have collectively pursued to address the moral and humanitarian crisis of our time – homelessness.

I wanted to serve on the City Council in order to build on the efforts I had previously championed to address this crisis, and I remain dedicated to doing so. I maintain an equal devotion to ensuring that my constituents receive the representation and responsiveness that they deserve.

I fully appreciate the importance of the Council being able to conduct its business with minimal distractions. With that in mind, and with deep respect for each of you, I write to let you know of my intention to immediately step back from participating in both full Council and Committee meetings.

I look forward to resuming my participation at the earliest appropriate time.

With hope and a commitment to service,

MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

Councilmember, 10th District

c: Ms. Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst
Mr. Matt Szabo, City Administrative Officer
Ms. Holly Wolcott, City Clerk
Mr. Mike Feuer, City Attorney