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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The vile and hateful comments made by LA City Councilmembers on audio made public over the weekend are sickening and awful. Mike Bonin and the Bonin family deserve love and support after being exposed to these heartless attacks. The Black and Oaxacan communities don't deserve these three elected leaders plotting against their best interest, including right to representation and respect.

Racism and hatred must be confronted and denounced without hesitation and must be replaced with respect, dignity and love. Labor must always fight for all! This audio obviously showed that Labor cowered from the righteous fight when leadership had an opportunity. We must remind our Civic and Labor leaders to adhere to one of the AFL-CIO Constitution's Objects and Principles: "To eliminate racism, sexism and all other forms of discrimination and oppression, and promote diversity and inclusion in the economy, in government and throughout society."

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