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CRISIS AT LA CITY COUNCIL

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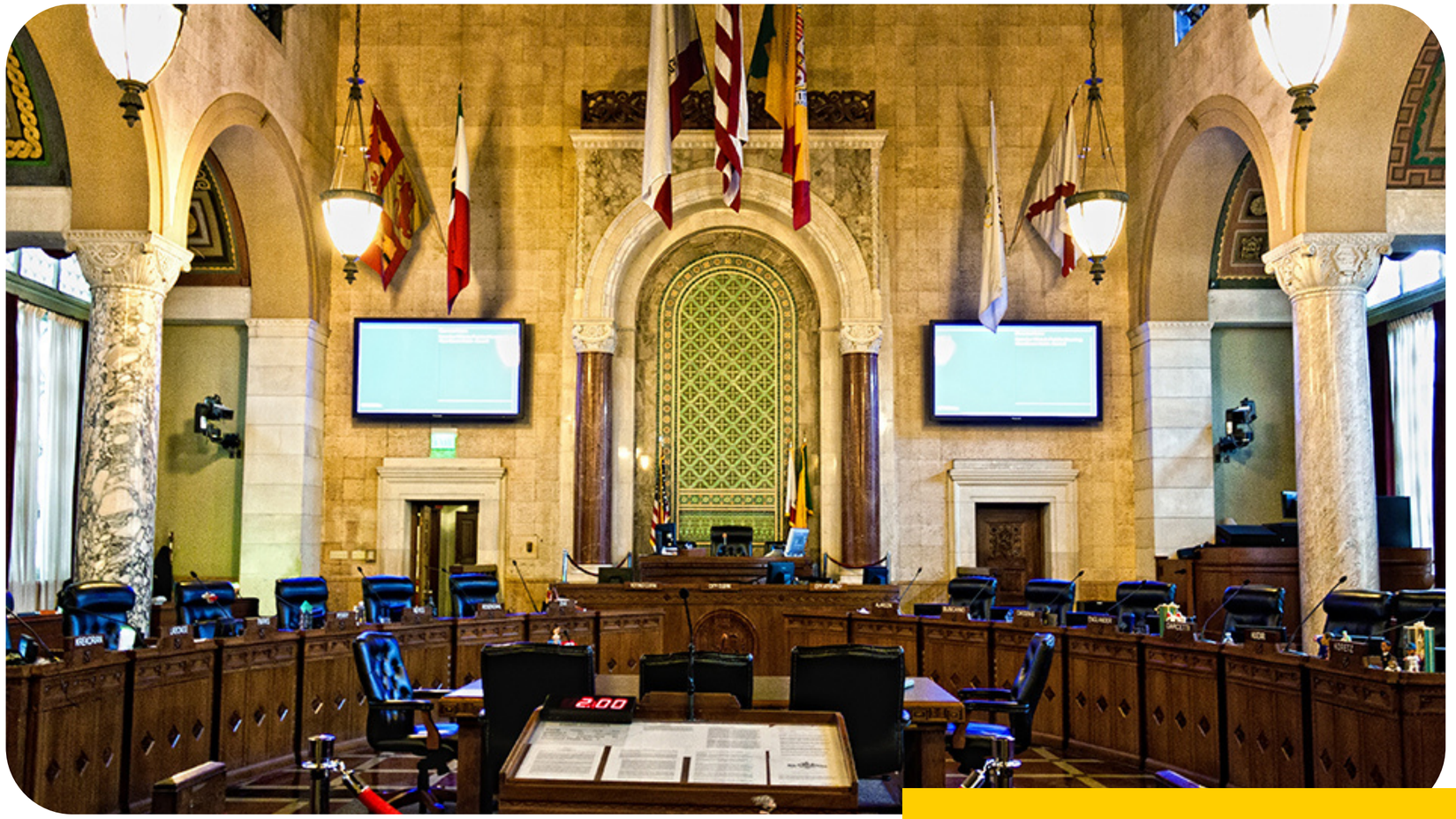
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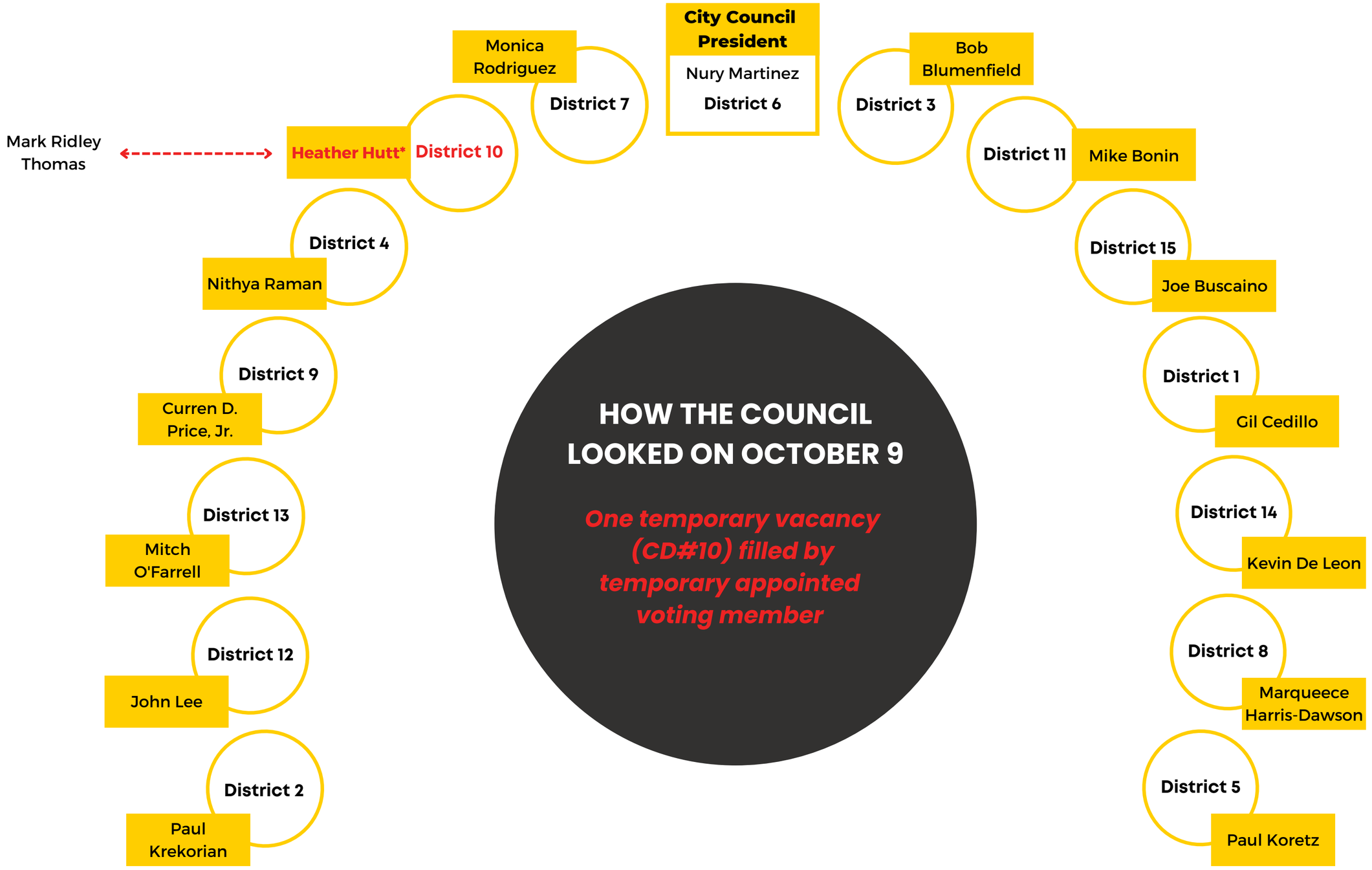
THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

- 15 members
- 4 year terms, 3 term limit
- Most powerful city council in the United States
- Council members select the council president (8-vote majority required)
- Quorum to meet requires 10 members

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS



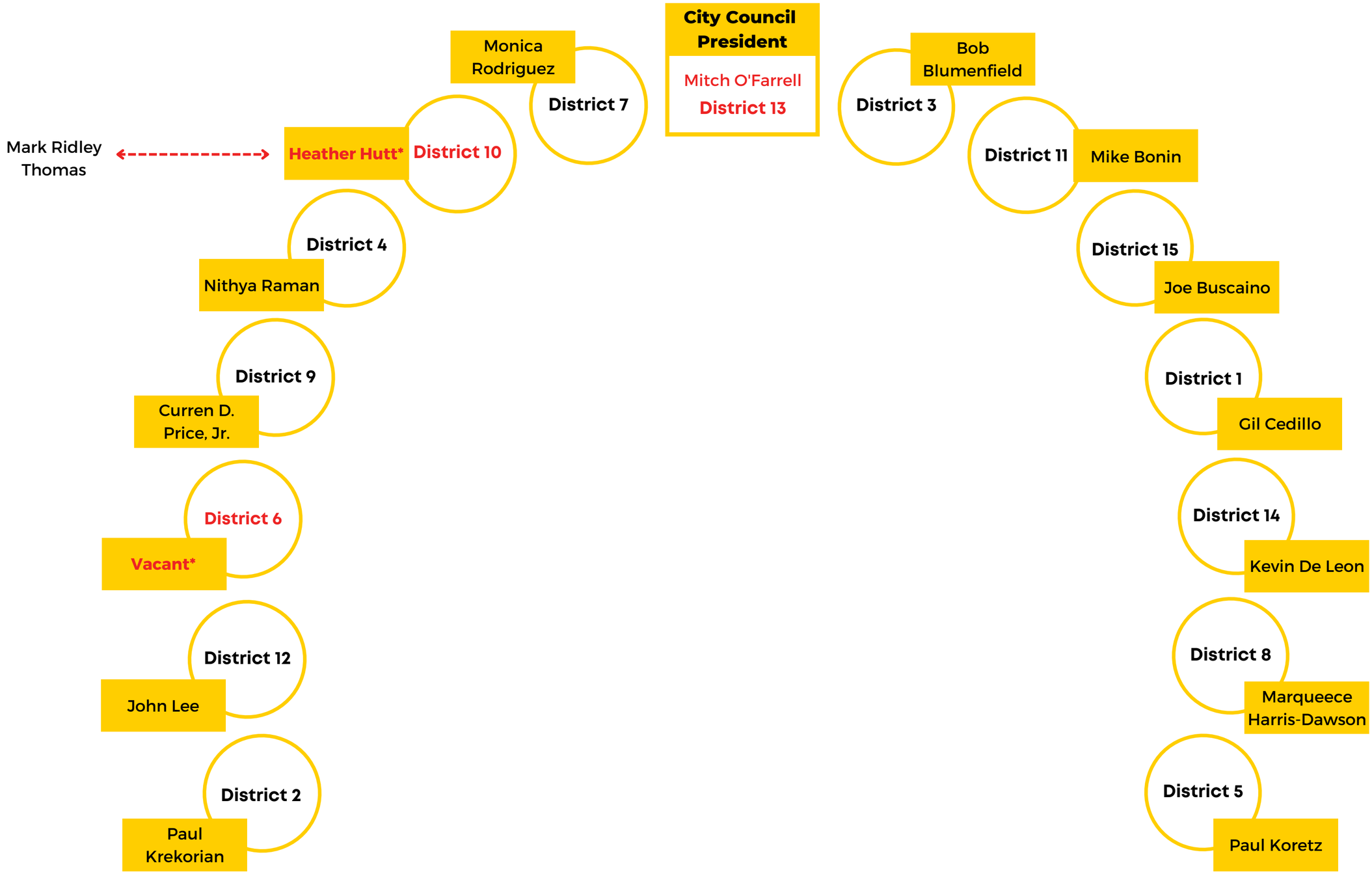
"Horseshoe" seat assignments are in alphabetical order starting at left of council president, ending at right of council president.

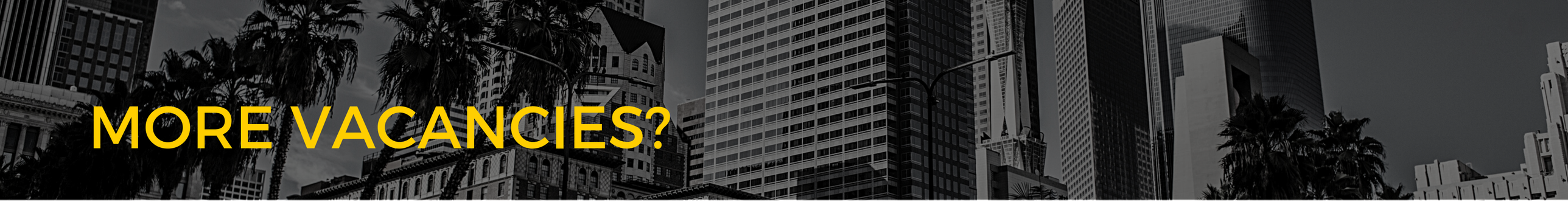

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Nury Martinez
District 6
Monica Rodriguez
District 7
Bob Blumenfield
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Mark Ridley Thomas
Heather Hutt*
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Mike Bonin
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Nithya Raman
District 15
Joe Buscaino
District 9
Curren D. Price, Jr.
District 1
Gil Cedillo
HOW THE COUNCIL LOOKED ON OCTOBER 9
One temporary vacancy (CD#10) filled by temporary appointed voting member
District 13
Mitch O'Farrell
District 14
Kevin De Leon
District 12
John Lee
District 8
Marqueece Harris-Dawson
District 2
Paul Krekorian
District 5
Paul Koretz



AFTER RECORDING MADE PUBLIC OCTOBER 9

- Council President Nury Martinez steps down and resigns seat
- Council President pro tempore Mitch O’Farrell automatically assumes council presidency
- Now one full vacancy (CD#6), one temporary vacancy (CD#10)

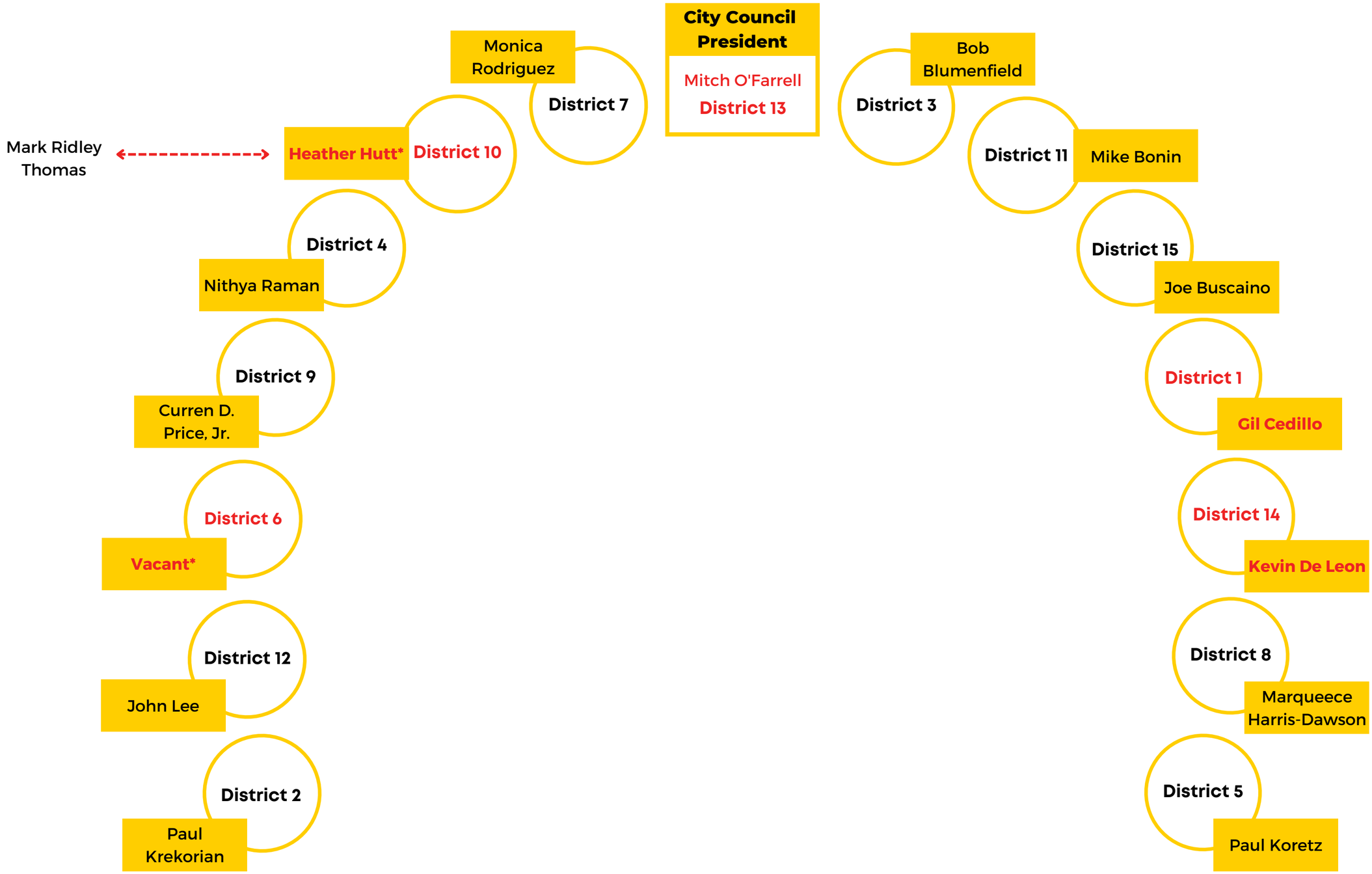

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MORE VACANCIES?

- Public and city council pressure on two other councilmembers to step down, CD#1 (Gil Cedillo) and CD#14 (Kevin De Leon)

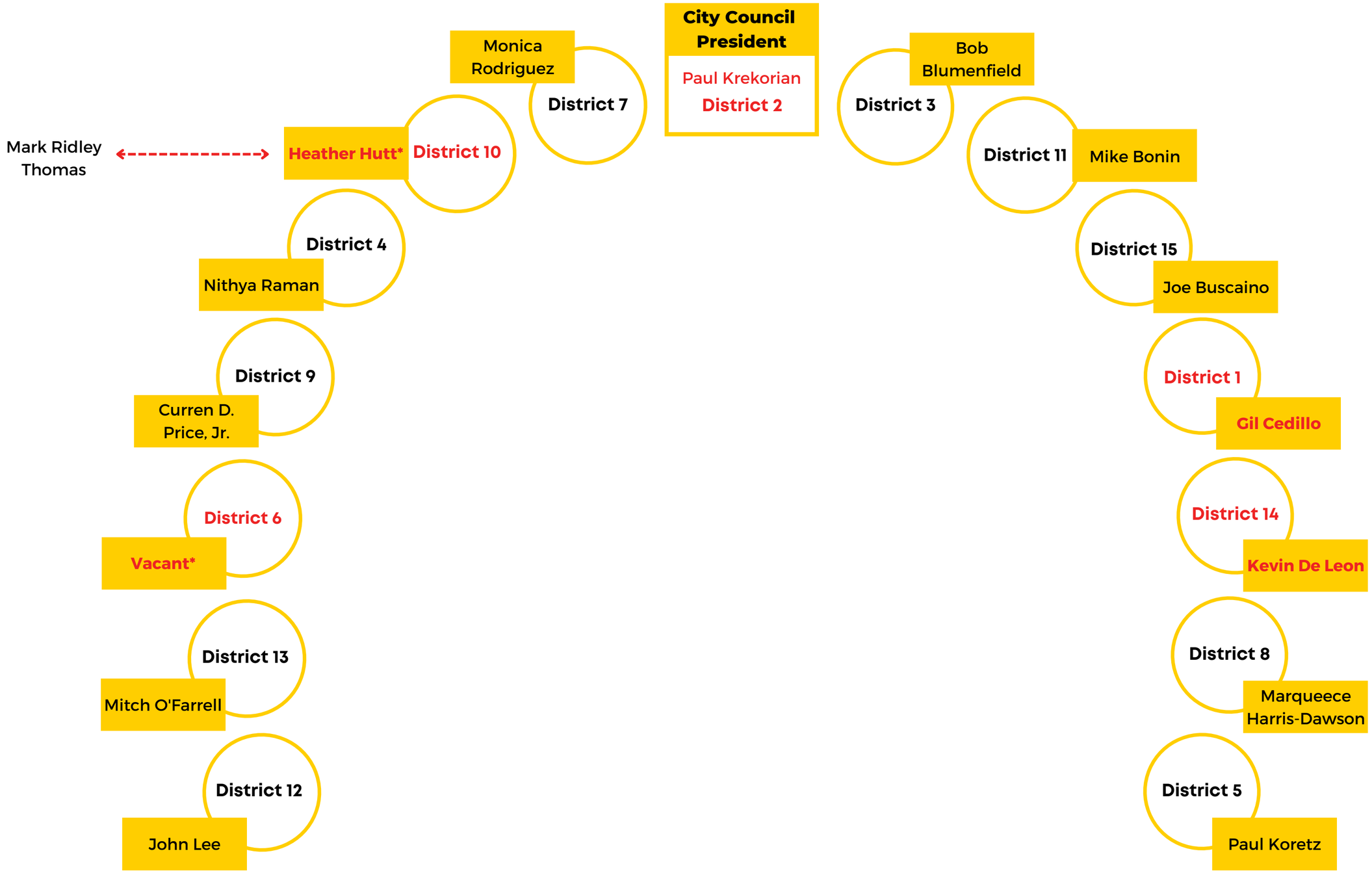
- Charter does not provide method for council to remove these two members under present circumstances


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COUNCIL ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

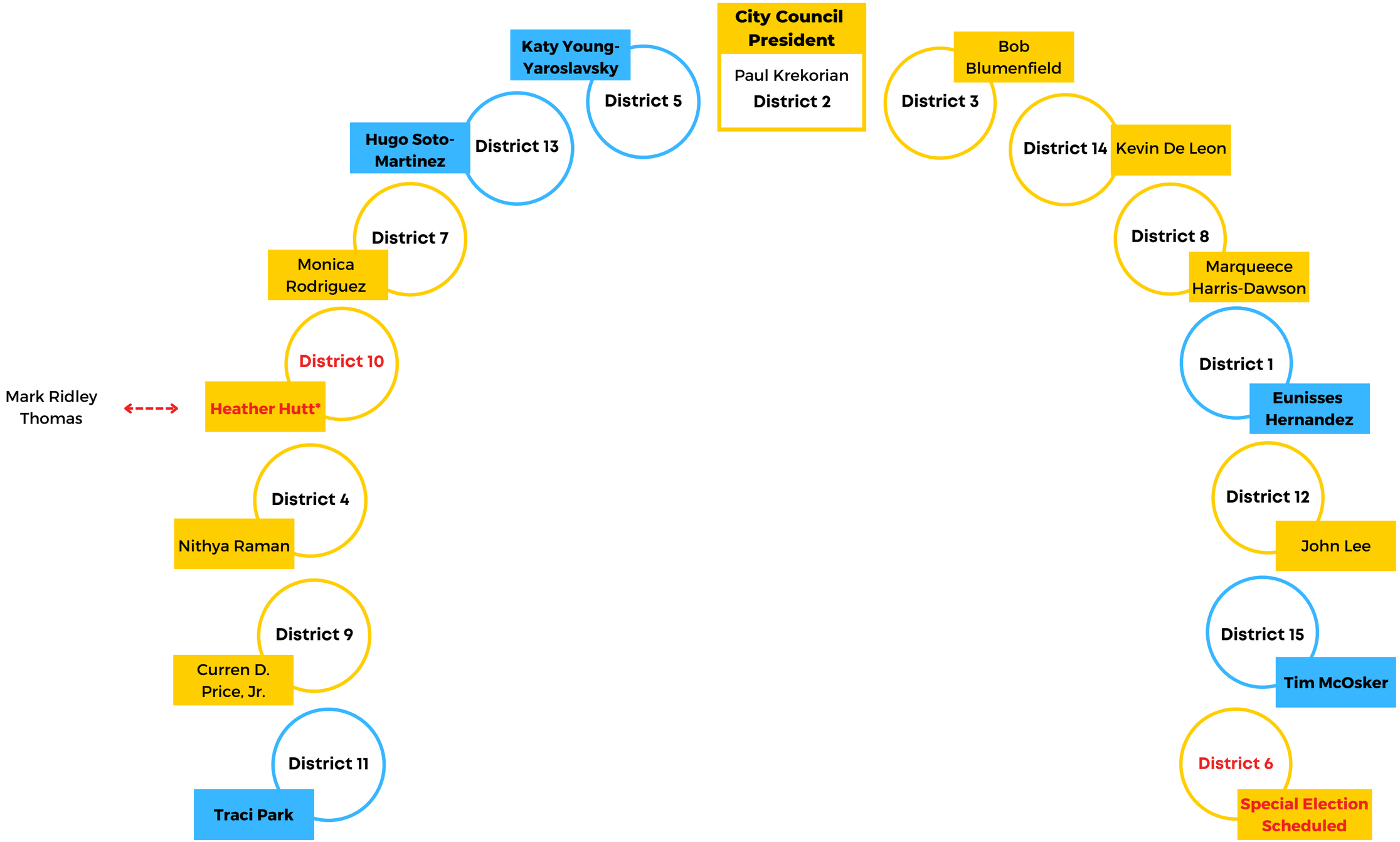
- Council votes unanimously on October 18 to elect Paul Krekorian (CD#2) as council president
- LA City Charter mandates that council president becomes acting mayor while the mayor is out of state
- The council president retains that position while serving as acting mayor


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THE NEW COUNCIL AFTER NOVEMBER 8

- CD#1 - Eunisses Hernandez (defeated incumbent in the primary)
- CD#5 - Katy Young-Yaroslavsky (incumbent did not run)
- CD#11 - Traci Park (incumbent did not run)
- CD#13 - Hugo Soto-Martinez (defeated incumbent in runoff)
- CD#15 - Tim McOsker (incumbent did not run)


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Special Election Scheduled

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