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CRISIS AT LA CITY COUNCIL

A Self-Guided Explainer for the LA Community

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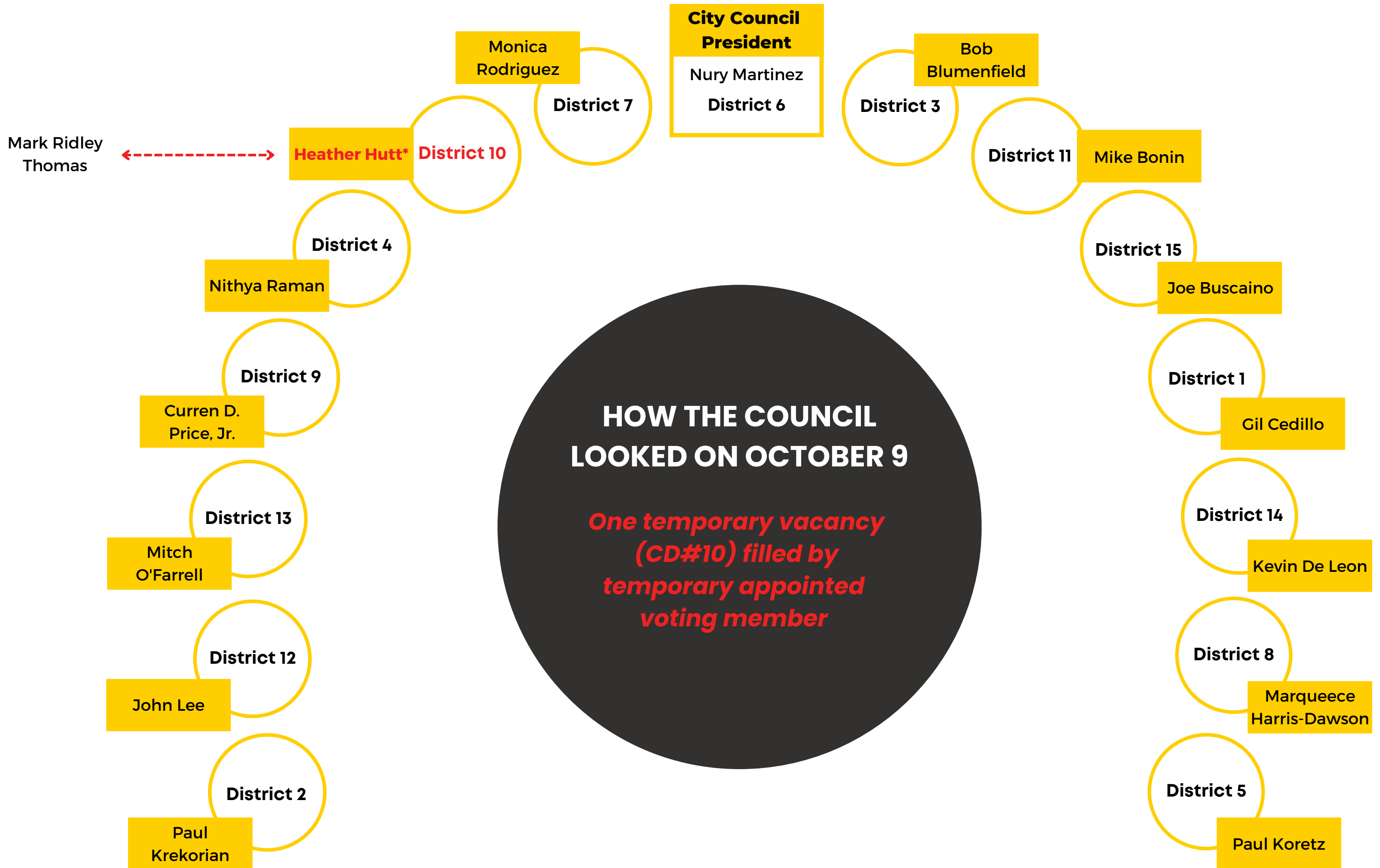
THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

- 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



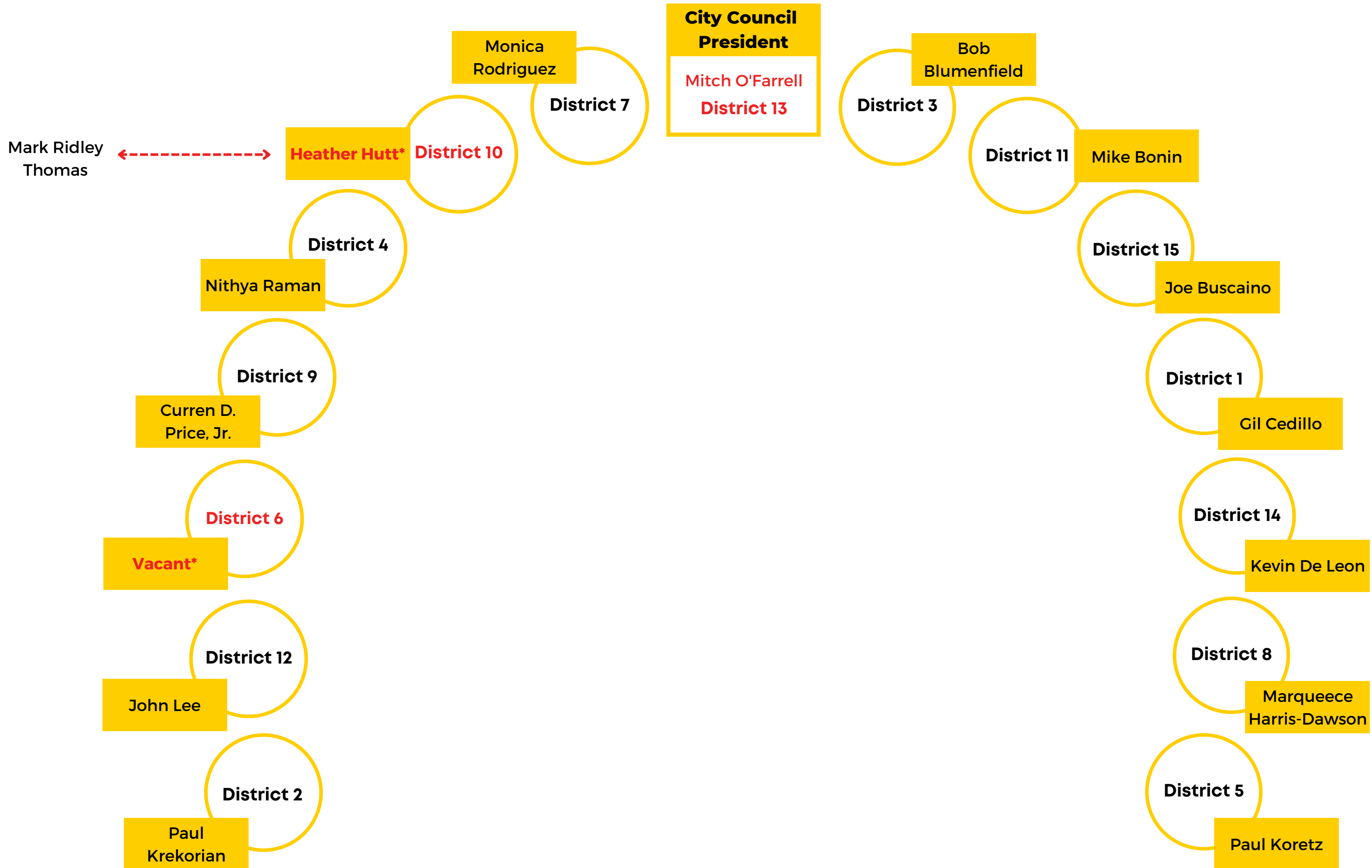
“Horseshoe” seat assignments are in alphabetical order starting at left of council president, ending at right of council president.





AFTER RECORDING MADE PUBLIC OCTOBER 9

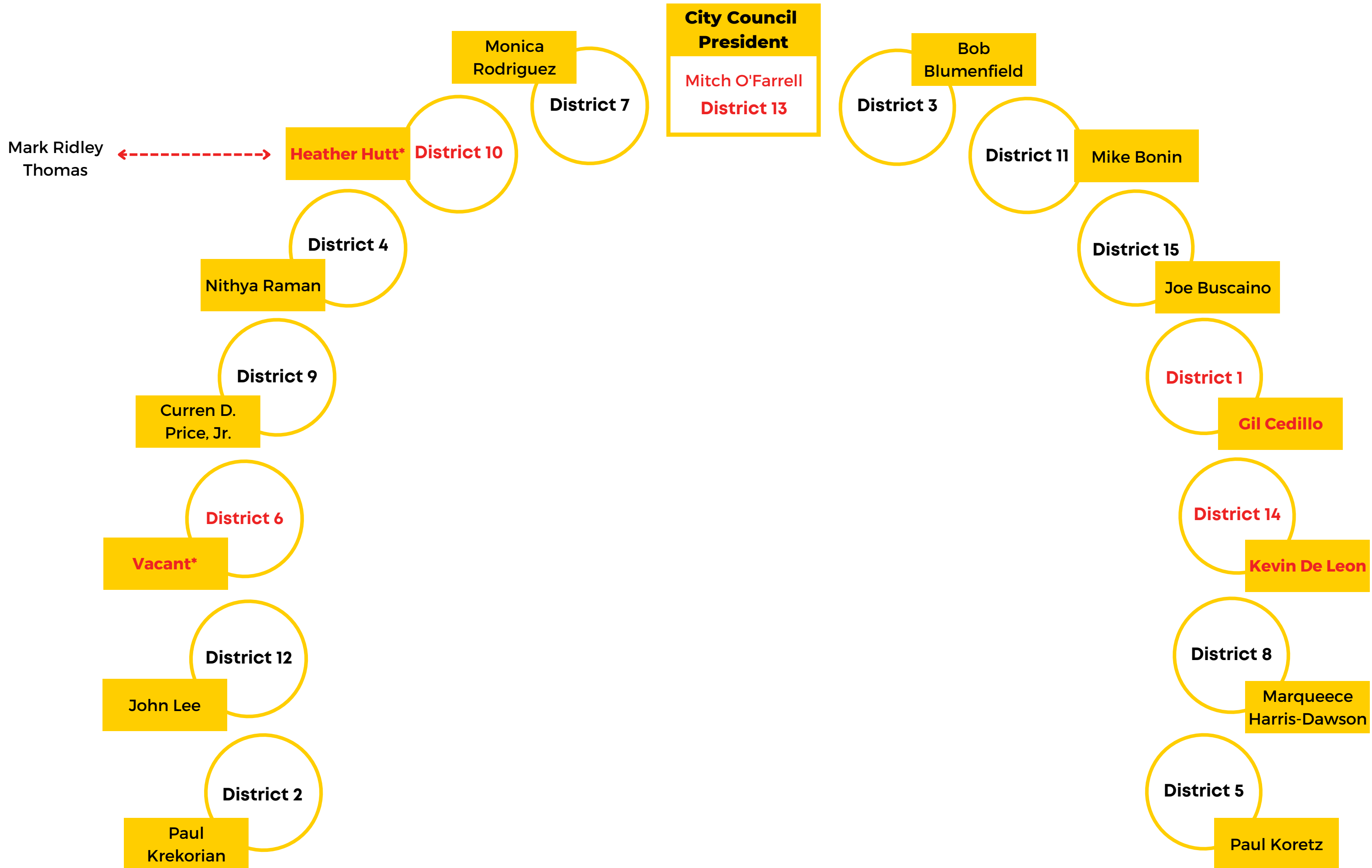
- Council President Nury Martinez steps down and resigns seat
- Council President pro tempore Mitch O'Farrell automatically assumes council presidency
- Now one full vacancy (CD#6), one temporary vacancy (CD#10)





MORE VACANCIES?

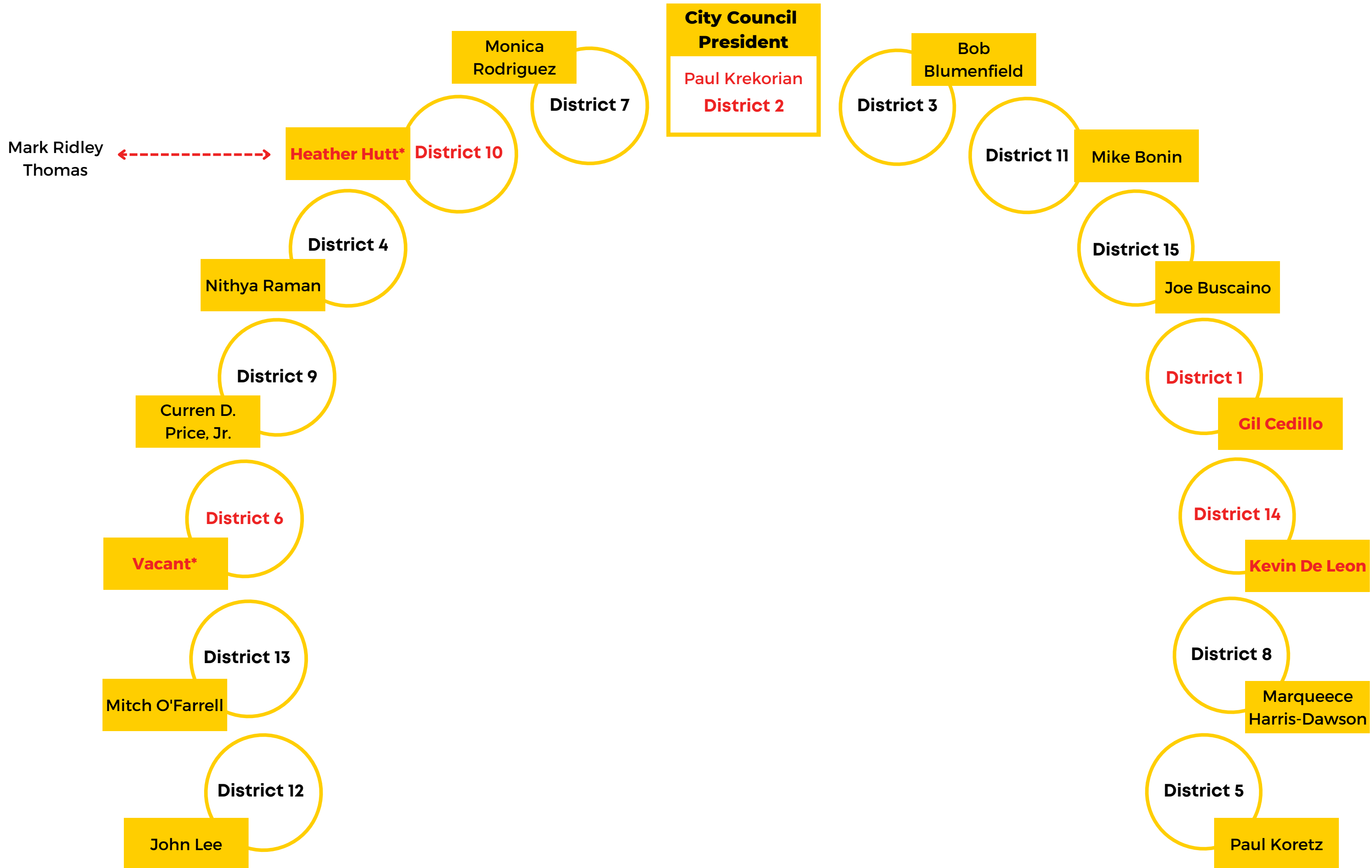
- Public and city council pressure on two other councilmembers to step down, CD#1 (Gil Cedillo) and CD#14 (Kevin De Leon)
- Charter does not provide method for council to remove these two members under present circumstances





COUNCIL ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

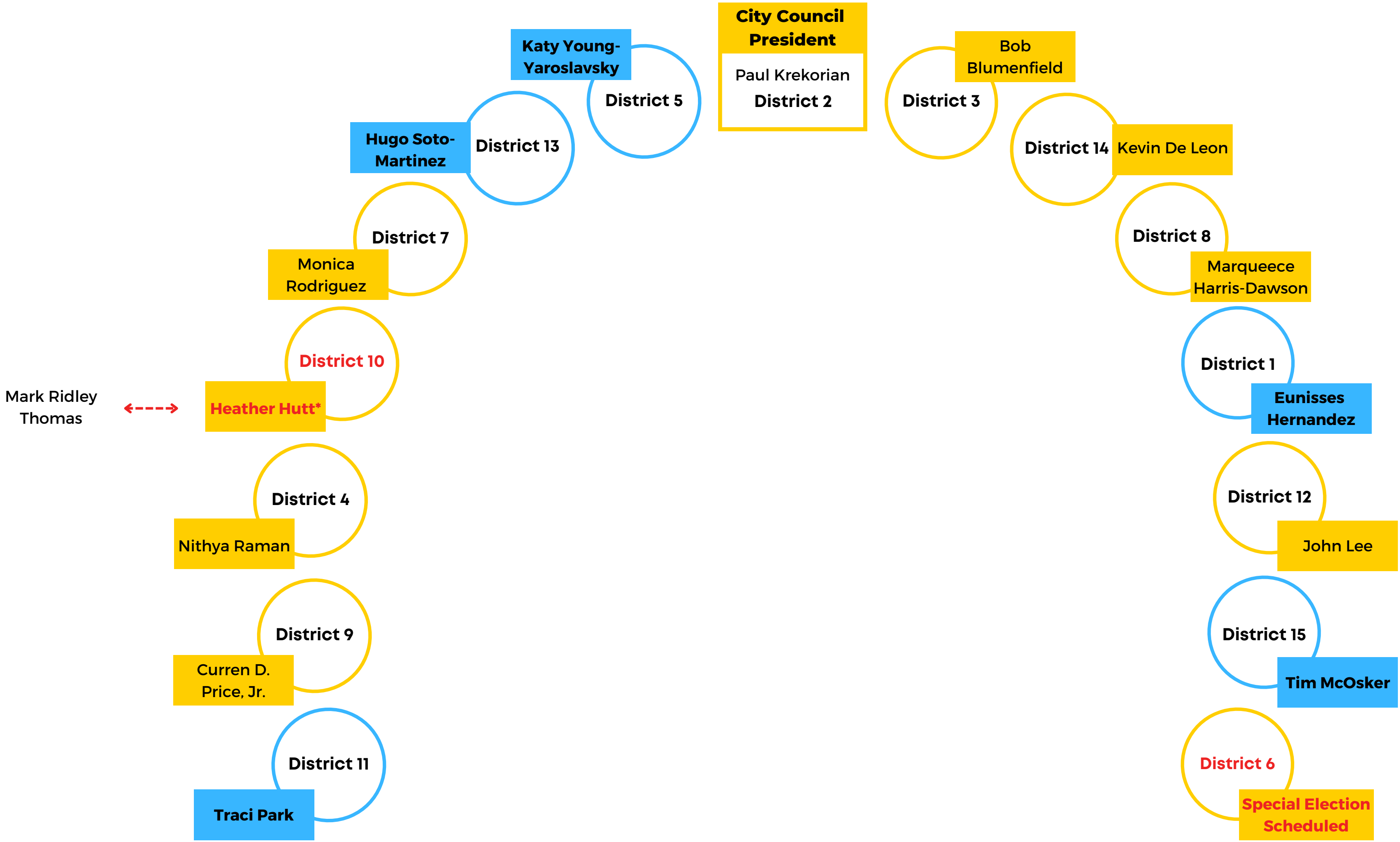
- Council votes unanimously on October 18 to elect Paul Krekorian (CD#2) as council president
- LA City Charter mandates that council president becomes acting mayor while the mayor is out of state
- The council president retains that position while serving as acting mayor





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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