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GAME CHANGER: MARÍA ELENA DURAZO ENDORSES HERB WESSON FOR LA COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Durazo Names Wesson as Top Choice to Defend Working Families

LOS ANGELES, CA — Following a slew of endorsements from regional leaders, including LA Mayor Eric Garcetti and LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn, today, State Senator María Elena Durazo announced her support of LA City Council President Herb J. Wesson for Supervisor. A life-long labor leader, former Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the LA County Federation of Labor and Co-Chair of the Obama for President Campaign Committee, Senator María Elena Durazo is widely considered one of the most influential people in LA politics. Her endorsement of Herb Wesson underscores his record of standing up for the working people of Los Angeles.

Following her endorsement of LA City Council President Herb Wesson, *State Senator María Elena Durazo* released the following statement of support:

"Herb Wesson is a champion for working families. He won the fight for the \$15 minimum wage. He's getting affordable housing built in South LA for 2,000 families. Herb's leadership on the Board of Supervisors will change lives."

In response to this game-changing endorsement, *LA City Council President Wesson* said:

"I'm honored to have earned the support of Senator María Elena Durazo. Throughout her extraordinary career, María Elena has successfully fought to ensure tens of thousands of workers had access to well-paying jobs and workplace dignity. I look forward to working with her to ensure all residents of LA County have the opportunity to live the American Dream by expanding access to high-quality education,

safe neighborhoods and good jobs.”

Herb J. Wesson, Jr. served the 2nd Supervisorial District as Chief of Staff to legendary LA County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke prior to his election to the State Assembly. Wesson then became only the 2nd African American in California history to serve as Speaker of the Assembly. Mr. Wesson was elected to the LA City Council in 2005 representing Council District 10 and has served as President of the City Council since November 2011.

Wesson is the first African American to hold the position of Council President in the city’s history and has been re-elected three times to lead the city’s legislative body. During his tenure as Council President, Wesson has presided over monumental policy initiatives making Los Angeles a better place to live, work and raise a family. Not only have local policy initiatives — which include raising the minimum wage, pension reform and consolidating city elections to increase voter turnout — positively affected local residents, but in many cases, the city’s actions have spurred state and national response and served as a model for similar policies.

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