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HAWTHORNE LEADERS STAND WITH HERB WESSON

Hawthorne's Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem Back Wesson's Bid for LA County Supervisor

LOS ANGELES, CA — Today, Hawthorne Mayor Alex Vargas and Mayor pro tem Olivia Valentine joined a growing list of local leaders supporting LA City Council President Herb Wesson for LA County Supervisor. This list includes LA Mayor Eric Garcetti, LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Inglewood Mayor James Butts and the entire Inglewood City Council. Wesson is running to replace termed-out LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas in next year's open election. The City of Hawthorne is located squarely within LA County's 2nd Supervisorial District.

Hawthorne Mayor Alex Vargas released the following statement of support:

“Herb Wesson is the best choice to represent our community on the Board of Supervisors. He has spent his career fighting to improve the lives of all Angelenos both in the State Assembly and on the LA City Council. I have no doubt that, as our next County Supervisor, he will continue to focus on what matters most – keeping our kids safe, improving neighborhood services, protecting our environment and creating career opportunities for hard-working families.”

In response, *LA City Council President Herb Wesson* wrote:

“It is a true honor to receive the support of my esteemed colleagues in Hawthorne. I know that, together, we can ensure that every resident has the opportunity to succeed. That's why I am focused on solving everyday problems – like keeping our streets and neighborhoods safe, improving access to afterschool and mentorship programs, and creating good paying 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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