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### MAYOR GARCETTI ENDORSES WESSON FOR SUPERVISOR

*Herb Wesson Scores Huge Early Endorsement from LA Mayor Eric Garcetti in the Race for LA County Supervisor 2020*

**LOS ANGELES, CA** — LA Mayor Eric Garcetti, one of the most sought-after endorsements in local politics, announced his enthusiastic support for LA City Council President Herb Wesson in the race to replace termed-out LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas in next year's election. This powerful endorsement comes shortly after LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn officially backed Wesson's campaign earlier this week.

In a statement announcing his support of Herb Wesson for LA County Supervisor, *Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti* wrote:

"As President of the City Council, Herb Wesson has been an outstanding partner and a champion in our fight to improve the quality of life for all of our city's diverse communities. Herb understands how to bring people together to solve problems and deliver results like reducing homelessness, creating jobs, raising the minimum wage and expanding workforce training. As a father, grandfather, Assembly Speaker and Council President, Herb has always made education a top priority, working hard to keep kids safe, in school and away from gangs and drugs. I have no doubt that Herb will continue to fight for safer neighborhoods, good paying jobs, and affordable housing for all when he is elected to the Board of Supervisors. I am proud to endorse my friend Herb Wesson for Supervisor."

In response, *LA City Council President Herb Wesson* released the following statement:

"I am honored to receive the support of my friend and colleague, Mayor Eric Garcetti. Throughout our years of working together at City Hall, we have secured hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for affordable housing, expanded gang prevention and afterschool programs, and created the first full-time policy committee

to address immigration issues and protect the rights of local immigrants and their families. I look forward to continuing to partner with Mayor Garcetti in the future.”

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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