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WESSON GAINS RESOUNDING SUPPORT FROM INGLEWOOD CITY HALL

Leaders of the City of Champions Choose Wesson for Board of Supervisors

LOS ANGELES, CA — Today, LA City Council President Herb Wesson earned the support of Inglewood leaders, including Mayor James T. Butts, Councilman Eloy Morales, Councilman Alex Padilla, Councilman George Dotson, Councilman Ralph Franklin, and City Clerk Yvonne Horton. This announcement follows endorsements from key regional leaders, including LA Mayor Eric Garcetti and LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn. Herb Wesson is running to replace termed-out LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas in next year's open election.

Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts released the following statement of support:

"I am proud to endorse Herb Wesson for the Board of Supervisors. He is a dedicated public servant who is committed to building a brighter future for all residents. He has implemented programs to create green jobs, sponsored an annual summer camp for under-served youths, and spearheaded an initiative to build two thousand units of affordable housing in South LA by the end of next year. He will be an excellent partner by helping to solve the regional housing crisis."

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

"Under Mayor Butts' leadership, Inglewood has truly regained its title as the City of Champions. Not only did this council save the city from bankruptcy, but they were the driving force behind the renovation and reopening of the Forum and brought the new NFL stadium to the city. I look forward to working with these bold leaders to continue South LA's renaissance in the coming years."

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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