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WESSON RACKING UP ENDORSEMENTS FOR LA COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer Joins the Growing Chorus of Legislators Backing Herb Wesson for Supervisor

LOS ANGELES, CA — Today, following a recent outpouring of support from local Los Angeles legislators including State Senator Steven Bradford and Assemblymembers Autumn Burke and Mike Gipson, Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer officially announced his endorsement of Herb Wesson for LA County Supervisor. Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer represents voters in LA County's 2nd Supervisorial District, which encompasses a large portion of South Los Angeles.

Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer released the following statement:

"I am proud to endorse Herb Wesson for Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. As a former Assembly Speaker and current President of the Los Angeles City Council, Herb has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to standing up for working families and advancing smart policies that address income inequality in order to lift up all communities. I know he will continue this important work on the Board of Supervisors."

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

"It is an absolute honor to have the support of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer. He has spent his career lifting up our most vulnerable, fighting to address income inequality and speaking out about social injustices in South Los Angeles. As Supervisor, I hope to continue to work alongside Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer to improve the quality of life for ALL local residents."

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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