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WESSON SECURES BIG ENDORSEMENTS FROM STATE LEGISLATORS REPRESENTING THE 2ND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

*State Senator Steven Bradford and Assemblymembers Autumn Burke and Mike Gipson
Endorse Herb Wesson for Supervisor*

LOS ANGELES, CA — Herb Wesson continues to establish himself as the clear frontrunner in the race for LA County Supervisor with the endorsements of State Senator Steven Bradford, Assemblymember Autumn Burke and Assemblymember Mike Gipson. ***All of these members represent voters in the 2nd Supervisorial District of LA County.*** This announcement comes shortly after demonstrating his fundraising prowess – raising over \$500,000 in under two months – and announcing the support of key regional leaders – LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn and LA Mayor Eric Garcetti.

In announcing his support for Wesson's bid for LA County Supervisor, ***State Senator Bradford*** wrote:

"Herb Wesson will create a brighter future for all of our children. As City Council President, he created after-school and job training programs to keep disadvantaged youth off the streets and away from gangs, fought to secure funding for neighborhood parks and recreation areas, and established a program to help disadvantaged youth get apprenticeships in the construction industry. I am proud to stand with Herb in his campaign for Los Angeles County Supervisor."

Assemblymember Autumn Burke echoed Bradford's sentiments with the following statement:

"Herb Wesson's top priority is keeping our children safe. That's why he expanded Project SAVE and other youth gang prevention and intervention programs to help young people make good choices, stay in school and on the right path. I am proud to endorse Herb Wesson for Los Angeles County Supervisor."

Assemblymember Mike Gipson called attention to Wesson's long career of delivering results for Los Angeles families, stating:

"Herb Wesson is the only candidate for LA County Supervisor with a track record of delivering results for all Angelenos. As a City Councilmember, he improved 911 response times, successfully passed an ordinance to raise LA's minimum wage to \$20 by 2020, and led the fight to require civilian oversight of Los Angeles police officers to increase transparency and accountability within the force. I am proud to endorse him for LA County Supervisor."

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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