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### WESSON TOPS \$500,000 IN FUNDRAISING FOR LA COUNTY SUPERVISOR

*In One Month, Herb Wesson Establishes Himself as the Clear Frontrunner*

**LOS ANGELES, CA** — Today, Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson reached a huge milestone in his campaign for Los Angeles County Supervisor (2nd District), raising over \$500,000 in donations since officially announcing his candidacy last month. Wesson is running to fill the seat being vacated by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who faces term limits.

“I’m overwhelmed by the outpouring of support so early in this campaign. I want to thank my friends, neighbors, colleagues and community members who share my passion and commitment to working families as we strive everyday to improve their quality of life by creating good jobs, safe streets, better schools and a clean environment,” Wesson stated.

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.

For more information, please visit [www.wessonforsupervisor2020.com](http://www.wessonforsupervisor2020.com).

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