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Vernon City Council unanimously approves ‘De León Plan’ for broader municipal reforms and extended government oversight

Vernon, CA – Vernon city council members today voted unanimously in a special meeting to approve a series of broad municipal reform recommendations advanced by California State Senator Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles). The ‘de León Plan’ is viewed as an alternative to disincorporating the City of Vernon through state legislation.

Among the ‘de León Plan’ reform resolutions approved by five-member Vernon City Council include:

- Establishment of a \$50 million environmental mitigation fund
- Development and construction of approximately 50 new housing units in Vernon within three years to increase the city’s voting electorate
- Four-year appointment of an independent city reform monitor
- Full implementation of the Van de Kamp Report ethics and open government recommendations
- City charter reforms governing term limits
- Government reforms involving city utility fund transfers and prevailing wages;
- Establishment of a \$10 million fund for park improvements in Boyle Heights and Huntington Park.

Vernon was founded in 1905 to create jobs in California. Vernon’s 1,800 businesses create more than 105,000 jobs in the Los Angeles area – including 55,000 jobs within the city’s 5.2-mile boundary. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation designated Vernon as California’s ‘Most Business Friendly City.’ Vernon generates more than \$330 million in state income and sales taxes, \$1.1 billion in taxable spending. Vernon’s businesses provide more than 4.4 billion in salaries and wages annually for workers in Los Angeles County

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