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## **Vernon Light and Power consultant Eric T. Fresch to terminate legal and financial services contract with City of Vernon in May 2012**

**Vernon, CA** – Eric T. Fresch, Esq., a legal and financial consultant to the Vernon Light and Power Department, today informed the director of Vernon Light and Power, by letter, that he would end his contract to provide legal and financial advisory services and counsel as of May 1, 2012.

Vernon City Administrator Mark Whitworth said, “We will honor Eric Fresch’s desire and intent to terminate his contract with the Light and Power Department. We will work closely with Mr. Fresch to effect a smooth transition of his work to a new consultant that would be capable of providing the city with expert legal and financial services. The City of Vernon will initiate a search for Mr. Fresch’s replacement through a competitive bid process. The City of Vernon thanks Mr. Fresch for his valued service and adept legal and financial counsel.”

Mr. Fresch has served the City of Vernon since the mid-1980s when he represented the city as a client while a member of the legal firm of Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon. Mr. Fresch formerly served as Vernon city administrator.

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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. For more information, go to [www.cityofvernon.org](http://www.cityofvernon.org).

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