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Vernon voters overwhelmingly approve slate of six municipal reform charter amendments in second-of-two November elections

Vernon, CA – Voters in the City of Vernon, in the second-of-two landslide votes in as many elections this month, today approved ballot measures to amend the city’s charter as a further endorsement of municipal reforms enacted by Vernon City Council members, recommended by the city’s Independent Ethics Advisor John Van de Kamp and strongly supported state Senator Kevin de Leon (D-Los Angeles).

In the second-of-two elections held in November 2011, Vernon’s voters decide the outcome of six municipal charter reform measures (Measures E, F, G, H, I and J).

Fifty of Vernon’s 77 registered voters (as of the special election’s November 7, 2011 voter registration deadline) cast ballots in the November 22 Special Election.

The vote-by-mail results for the 50-ballots cast in today’s election showed Vernon voters approved all six measures by a commanding margin to place six city-enacted municipal reforms into the city’s charter.

Measure E was passed on a 49-to-1 vote. Measure E had asked Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to require the city to maintain a Housing Commission.

Measure F was passed on a 50-to-0 unanimous vote. Measure F had asked Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to ensure that an Independent Reform Monitor is retained by the city for four years.

Measure G was passed on a 50-to-0 unanimous vote. Measure G had asked Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to require a special election to fill vacancies on the Vernon City Council and prohibit the appointment of council members by the City Council.

Measure H was passed on a 49-to-1 vote. Measure H had asked Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to prohibit council members from increasing their compensation in excess of cost of living adjustments.

Measure I was passed on a 43-to-0 vote (with 7-votes not recorded). Measure I had asked Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to remove restrictions on the use of revenues from the city's Light and Power enterprise deposited into the city's Light and Power Fund.

Measure J was passed on a 43-to-0 vote (with 7-votes not recorded). Measure J had asked Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to require the establishment of an open and competitive bidding process for city service contracts by city ordinance.

Vernon voters previously approved four municipal reform charter amendments by an overwhelming vote on November 8.

For more information, go to cityofvernon.org/elections.

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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.