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Vernon voters overwhelmingly approve slate of four historic municipal reform measures in first-of-two November elections

Vernon, CA – Voters in the City of Vernon, in a landslide vote, today approved ballot measures to amend the city’s charter to further endorse municipal reforms enacted by the Vernon City Council as 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 first-of-two elections in November 2011, Vernon’s voters overwhelmingly passed Measures A, B, C and D on the city’s November 8 ballot. Vernon had 74 registered voters by the October 25 voter registration deadline.

The vote-by-mail results for the 52-ballots cast in today’s election showed Vernon voters approved all four measures by an astounding margin to insert the four city-enacted municipal reforms into the city’s charter.

Measure A was passed on a 43 to 9 vote. Measure A had asked Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to limit the number of terms a city council member may serve to two terms, with a lifetime ban on serving on the city council after having served two terms.

Measure B was passed on a 52 to 0 (zero) vote. Measure B had asked Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to reaffirm the city’s longstanding policy of ensuring payment of prevailing wages on public works projects.

Measure C was passed on a 52 to 0 (zero) vote. Measure B had asked Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to remove the provision mandating at-will employment for city employees.

Measure D was passed on a 52 to 0 (zero) vote. Measure D had asked Vernon voters to decide if the Vernon City Charter should be amended to eliminate restrictions on the city council’s authority to remove the city administrator and to reduce the city administrator’s compensation.

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Vernon voters will decide six additional municipal reform charter amendments in a second election on November 22.

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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.