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Vernon City Council adopts rental housing policy, furthering the city’s promised municipal reforms

Vernon, CA – The five-member Vernon City Council today unanimously approved a new rental housing policy for city-owned residential properties, an important step that advances the city’s commitment to municipal reforms recommended by the Van de Kamp Report and the Senator Kevin de Leon Plan that was endorsed by Council members in late August.

The Vernon Housing Commission (VHC) developed the Vernon Rental Housing Policy (VRHP). The VHC adopted the policy after a 60-day review of municipal rental housing issues and fair housing laws.

The VHRP establishes the overall framework for renting or leasing of city-owned housing units in Vernon. The policy sets guidelines for compliance with federal and state fair housing laws, establishes a goal to base rental and lease rates on “market” value assessments sensitive to Vernon’s unique industrial and commercial character, and limits all new rental housing leases to one year.

The VHC will continue its work in the upcoming months to develop specific procedures that will be required to implement the city’s new rental housing policy.

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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.

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