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City of Vernon retains former California Attorney General John Van de Kamp to serve as Independent Ethics Advisor

Van de Kamp bolsters comprehensive municipal governance review effort with addition of Cynthia Kurtz, former Pasadena City Manager.

Vernon, CA – The City of Vernon has retained former California Attorney General John Van de Kamp to serve as an Independent Ethics Advisor. Mr. Van de Kamp is a former L.A. County District Attorney and California State Bar president. Mr. Van de Kamp will assume his role as Independent Ethics Advisor immediately.

Mr. Van de Kamp has enlisted the services of two prominent experts in the field of municipal governance to assist him: Ms. Cynthia J. Kurtz, former Pasadena City Manager and Mr. Robert M. Stern, former California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) General Counsel.

Ms. Kurtz is president and CEO of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. She served as Pasadena's city manager for 10-years. As Pasadena city manager, Ms. Kurtz supervised more than 2,300 city employees, oversaw 11-city departments and managed a municipal budget of over \$500 million. She also served as interim city manager for the City of Covina. Mr. Stern is co-founder and president of Los Angeles-based Center for Governmental Studies.

Mr. Van de Kamp and his team will independently review and assess Vernon's governance policies and practices. Mr. Van de Kamp will prepare a comprehensive initial report, as well as a final report, with the goal of making recommendations on improving existing policies and procedures and further enhancing Vernon's municipal administration.

Exclusively Industrial

Vernon was founded in 1905 to create jobs in California. In 2011, Vernon's 1,800 businesses generate more than 105,000 jobs in the Los Angeles region – including more than 50,000 jobs within the city's boundaries. 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 and \$1.1 billion in taxable spending.

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