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VERNON VOTERS ELECT CAROL R. MENKE TO VERNON CITY COUNCIL

Vernon, CA (April 22, 2019) – At the council meeting held on Tuesday, April 16, Carol R. Menke took her oath of office as an elected member of the Vernon City Council following the certification of the April 9 General Municipal Election results confirming her victory over candidates Maria I. Acosta and Jason C. Roberts.

Based on the final official vote count, Menke received 48 votes, while Acosta received 9 votes and Roberts received 7 votes. A total of 64 ballots were received from the City’s 95 registered voters, indicating a voter turnout of 67%. All 64 ballots were publicly canvassed by the canvass board to finalize the tally.

Following her oath of office, Council Member Menke addressed members of the public attending the council meeting, saying she felt “humbled” by her large margin of victory and credited the success of her campaign to her “commitment to good governance, reform and transparency.” Menke thanked the citizens of Vernon for placing their faith in her and expressed a desire for getting Vernon on the road to becoming “Exclusively Industrial and Inclusively Residential.”

A resident of Vernon since 2010, Council Member Menke has been an engaged and active member of the community. Menke worked alongside the City against disincorporation efforts and has served on the Vernon Housing Commission in a resident seat since July 2017. Menke received her Juris Doctor from Western State University College of Law in Fullerton and formerly served as the Program Chair for the Criminal Justice and Paralegal Programs at Everest College in the City of Industry. This will be her first term in elected office.

The ballots for the April 9 election also included two measures that were subsequently nullified due to a typographical error in the Spanish translations. Measure S proposed to change the process for selecting the Mayor to an automatic rotation schedule based on year of election. Measure T proposed a similar change for the process of selecting a Mayor Pro Tempore. On March 25, the City informed voters of the error and nullified the two measures. The City intends to re-introduce the Measures and place them on the ballot for the 2020 election.

For more City of Vernon election information, go to: cityofvernon.org/elections

The City of 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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