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## **Vernon voters elect Melissa Ybarra to succeed her late father on the Vernon City Council**

**Vernon, CA** – Vernon voters have elected candidate Melissa Ybarra to the Vernon City Council in today's special municipal election semi-official vote count. Councilmember-elect Ybarra was unopposed in today's special election. No write-in candidates had qualified for the election.

Ms. Ybarra received 24-votes out of 24-ballots canvassed. A total of 25-ballots were received from the city's 63 registered voters by the time polls closed at 8:00 p.m. One ballot was not canvassed pending signature verification for the voter's ballot. A second ballot canvass will be conducted to tally the vote on any remaining ballots – postmarked today – that may be received within three days of today's special election.

Councilmember-elect Ybarra is the daughter of the Honorable Michael A. Ybarra, a former Vernon City Councilmember who unexpectedly died while in office in September 2014.

Pending verification by Vernon City Clerk Maria Ayala and certification of the total vote count by the Vernon City Council, Councilmember-elect Ybarra will serve the remainder of her late father's unexpired term. She will face reelection in April 2017.

For more City of Vernon election information, go to: [cityofvernon.org/elections](http://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](http://www.cityofvernon.org).