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Yvette Woodruff-Perez sworn in as Vernon City Council member

Council Member Woodruff-Perez joins two incumbent female members on Vernon’s five-member city council

Vernon, CA – Yvette Woodruff-Perez took her oath of office today as an elected member of the Vernon City Council. Her election creates a first-ever female majority and first-ever Latina majority on the five-member Vernon city council in the city’s 109-year history.

In brief remarks following her oath of office, Council Member Woodruff-Perez said, “I’m truly humbled by this opportunity to serve as your new council member. My training as a student nurse has taught me to think critically and make informed decisions for the benefit of my patients. I will be applying those same principals to make good policy decisions for our city. Since 2011, Vernon has become a better city. If we stay on our present path, I believe our city will continue to grow and prosper in such a way that no [future] disincorporation attempt would ever succeed.”

“The City of Vernon should continue to strive for a business friendly, desirable community atmosphere. Our most important resources are our resilient residents, talented business owners, skilled industrial workers, city employees, and highly trained public safety personnel,” Councilmember Woodruff-Perez said.

Council Member Woodruff-Perez joins Council Members Luz Martinez and Melissa Ybarra on the Vernon city council. In a 3-to-2 vote of the council today, Mayor W. Michael McCormick was chosen to retain his current position as mayor. Mayor Pro Tem William ‘Bill’ Davis was chosen by unanimous vote to retain his present position as mayor pro tempore.

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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.