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## **Leticia Lopez sworn in as Vernon City Council Member**

**Vernon, CA** – Leticia Lopez took her oath of office today to become an elected member of the Vernon City Council following the city council’s certification of April 12 municipal election results of her write-in campaign election victory over incumbent Councilmember W. Michael McCormick, who served as Vernon’s mayor for the past three-years.

Following her oath of office, Councilmember Lopez briefly addressed members of the public attending today’s city council meeting, saying, “I am privileged to be standing here before you as the newest City of Vernon council member. I look forward to serving the City of Vernon with integrity by being proactive and thinking critically in order to make decisions for the city.”

“My vision is to create community between businesses and residents to keep Vernon moving forward and continue to prosper. My work as a family advocate has provided me with knowledge and experience in working within my community, which will assist me greatly in my newly elected position. I greatly look forward to working with each and every one of my fellow council members in order to keep the City of Vernon on its path to continued success,” Councilmember Lopez added.

Councilmember Lopez is the fourth Latina to win election to the Vernon city council since June 2012. She serves a five-year term in office.

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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).