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Carlos R. Fandino appointed Vernon City Administrator

Vernon, CA – Members of the Vernon City Council today appointed Carlos R. Fandino to serve as Vernon city administrator. Since September 2010, Mr. Fandino had served as director of Vernon Gas & Electric, a municipal-owned utility serving the city's nearly 2,000 industrial business and residential customers.

On his appointment, Mr. Fandino said, "I'm honored and gratified to have been chosen by members of the Vernon City Council to lead our city through its next exciting phase: a period of sustained business growth strengthened by our city's good governance practices and improved relations with its surrounding communities."

"Vernon is one of the most important industrial engines in L.A. County for business, economic and job development. We intend to build on more than a century of municipal success. My experience in managing complex financial transactions, bond financing, department budgets, and understanding Vernon's infrastructure needs has prepared me to hit the ground running as Vernon city administrator," Mr. Fandino said.

During his tenure as director of Vernon Gas & Electric (formerly known as Vernon Light & Power), Mr. Fandino has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) and an executive committee member of the Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP). Prior to his appointment as director of Gas & Electric, Mr. Fandino served as systems operator for the city's utility department.

During his 27-year career with Vernon Gas & Electric, Mr. Fandino held senior management positions in the utility department, serving as transmission and distribution manager, electric dispatcher, resource scheduler, and engineering and operations project manager.

Mr. Fandino was part of the original team that reestablished Vernon's municipal-owned electrical system after city leaders successfully negotiated a settlement with Southern California Edison (SCE) to reinstate its power system operating rights. In 2001, he was a member of the team charged with constructing Malburg Generation Station (MGS), the city's 134-megawatt natural gas power plant that was later sold to a private entity.

Mr. Fandino is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and decorated reservist. He served with the 2nd Marine Division Light Armored Vehicle Battalion in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm during the Persian Gulf War in 1990.

Mr. Fandino graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Business & Management from Woodbury University. He is married and the father to three college-age young adults.

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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.