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CITY OF LOS ANGELES HIRES NEW ELECTIONS CHIEF

LOS ANGELES (December 19, 2011) — Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay today welcomed Jacob Wexler to the Office of the City Clerk-Election Division as the new Chief of Elections. Wexler replaces Arleen P. Taylor who vacated the post after promoting to the position of Executive Officer with the Board of Public Works.

A member of the City family for 10 years, Wexler brings with him over seven years of experience working in the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) as a Senior Administrative Analyst, and three years in the Mayor's Office as a Policy Analyst. He has also worked for the State of Washington's Utilities and Transportation Commission and its Community Trade and Economic Development Department; with the Global Education Partnership in Oakland, California, the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Redwood City, California, and in the office of U.S. Senator John Kerry in Washington D.C. Wexler holds Masters Degrees in Public Policy from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, and in Political Science from Columbia University, and a B.A. in Development Studies from the University of California at Berkeley.

"I am honored to have been selected to lead a Division that is responsible for carrying out such a fundamental aspect of our democracy. I look forward to working with other City departments, County, State and Federal election officials, and the voting advocacy community in carrying out our mission of providing transparent and accessible elections in the City of Los Angeles," said Wexler.

As the new Chief of Elections, Wexler is responsible for managing the operations of the City's Election Division. The Election Division administers municipal elections for the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education and the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees. The City's election jurisdiction covers 850 square miles and holds 2.1 million registered voters.

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