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**ROSENDAHL “OUTRAGED” AT OUTAGES**  
*Westside Councilman Calls for Investigation of Blackouts*

LOS ANGELES- Outraged with repeated blackouts in the 11<sup>th</sup> Council District, City Councilman Bill Rosendahl is calling for an investigation into a series of power outages on the Westside.

Rosendahl submitted a motion calling on the Department of Water and Power to address power reliability in affected neighborhoods and establish ways to reduce future blackouts. The motion also directed the Department of Water and Power to better inform the public about power outages and the status and schedule of repairs.

“Brentwood, Venice, Mar Vista, Del Rey, Playa Del Rey, and Westchester continue to suffer from an unusually high volume of power outages” Rosendahl said. “These constant outages are unacceptable and demand attention.”

Westside residents have been overwhelmingly impacted by the city’s loss of power. Many communities, some of which lacked power for more than 24 hours, received little or no communication in regards to power restoration. The series of outages preceded the recent rash of wind-related power failures.

Last month, the Brentwood community suffered through four different power outages in one week, with one outage lasting thirty-five hours. On January 6, frustrated residents of Venice and Mar Vista spent eleven hours without power. Over the past weekend, the communities of Westchester, Playa Del Rey, and Del Rey experienced several power failures lasting from three to eight hours.

“These power outages diminish our quality of life,” Rosendahl said. “Our businesses, schools and churches are forced to close without any knowledge

about when they can reopen.”

Rosendahl said the power outages have also contributed to his district’s traffic congestion by disabling traffic signals. He plans on working with the Department of Transportation to explore a power outage contingency plan for traffic lights.

“The Westside is burdened by traffic gridlock on a daily basis,” Rosendahl said. “These outages not only further the gridlock, but also make our streets unsafe.”

Rosendahl said he will also work with various neighborhoods and community organizations to monitor new response methods developed by the Department of Water and Power.

The motion was referred to the Commerce, Energy, and Natural Resources Committee. Rosendahl said he expects to receive a report from the Department of Water and Power by early February 2006.

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