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**With Support of Peers, Council Leadership Begins Another Term
*Garcetti, Greuel Re-elected; Garcetti Reappoints Perry***

The unanimous support of fifteen Los Angeles City Councilmembers reinstated Councilmember Eric Garcetti as City Council President. City Councilmember Wendy Greuel also received the unanimous support of the council to serve as President *pro tempore*. Garcetti re-appointed Jan Perry to the position of Assistant President *pro tempore*.

“It has been my great honor to serve my colleagues on this council, and to join with Councilmembers Wendy Greuel and Jan Perry on the council’s leadership team,” said Garcetti. “We face serious issues that have real consequences. But this council has the power to confront and resolve these issues and to leave our mark on this great city for future generations.”

“I’m honored that my colleagues have selected me to serve another term as President Pro Tem of the City Council,” said Councilwoman Wendy Greuel. “I believe we have the leadership team in place to accomplish the lofty goals that lie before us, from creating safer neighborhoods to improving education, from strengthening our economy to creating a more open and accountable government, and of course creating a transportation system that moves Los Angeles forward.”

“The City Council's unanimous decision to re-elect Councilmember Eric Garcetti as President and Councilwoman Wendy Greuel as President Pro Tempore is a benefit for the City of Los Angeles,” said Councilmember Jan Perry. “It brings a level of continuity and consistency in leadership that will ensure an effective legislative agenda, goals and accomplishments in the coming year. It is an honor to serve as Assistant President Pro Tempore with them.”

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Under Rule 1 of the Los Angeles City Council, every two years, the city clerk takes the president's chair to open the first council meeting of the new fiscal year. By a voice vote, the councilmembers select the council president, whereupon the elected councilmember commences the two-year council session.

Addressing brief remarks to the public and to the council after the election, Garcetti noted that this was the 99th such session, and hearkened back to the ayuntamiento of the city government under Spanish rule. Garcetti addressed the many responsibilities of the council, and noted the wide range of issues on which each of its members had made substantial progress for the city in the past two years: the Los Angeles River, public safety and youth development, passing the budget, advancing new busways and rail lines, cleaning Los Angeles's waterways, expanding homeless shelters and housing opportunities at all levels, and responding to neighborhood- or city-level crises from crime to fire.

Elected by the fifteen members of the Los Angeles City Council, the Council President is the parliamentary chair of the council. As President, Garcetti is responsible for setting the council agenda, chairing council meetings, and assigning members to legislative committees. The president also serves as interim mayor if the mayor leaves the state of California. Garcetti first assumed the Presidency on January 1, 2006.

Garcetti's full remarks can be read at <http://www.lacity.org/council/cd13/c13nps1b.htm>

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