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GARCETTI ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL CAMUÑEZ TO CITY ETHICS COMMISSION

Los Angeles – Los Angeles City Council President today announced the appointment of Michael Camuñez to the City Ethics Commission. Camuñez will fill the vacancy that was created by former Commission member Gil Garcetti, who was appointed by then-City Council President Alex Padilla and whose term expired in June 2007.

"I have known Michael Camuñez for many years and have always been impressed by his commitment to our communities and his thoughtful intellect. He shares my goal of ensuring the integrity of our city elections and government. He will be a great addition to the City Ethics Commission," said Council President Garcetti.

"I'm very honored to have the opportunity to serve the City and people of Los Angeles on the Ethics Commission," said Camuñez. "I believe passionately that an open, transparent and honest political process is the hallmark of a great democracy -- it's what sets us apart as a nation. I feel privileged to have the chance to serve my community in this way, and I look forward to being a part of thoughtful reform efforts designed to ensure the public's confidence in the integrity of both our elections and our local government."

Camuñez is a partner in O'Melveny & Myers LLP's Los Angeles office. He is a business litigator who represents and counsels companies, boards, and officers in complex litigation and in enforcement matters before the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Camuñez's public service includes serving as the Chairman of the state board of commissioners of California Volunteers, the state agency that guides California's support for community service programs. He is also a Trustee of the Mexican American Bar Foundation, a member of the Board of Visitors of Stanford Law School, the Chancery Club of Los Angeles, and the Pacific Council on International Policy.

From 1993-95, Camuñez served as Senior Policy Advisor for National Service in the Clinton Administration where he helped design and implement the AmeriCorps

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program. From 1991-93, he was the director of the National Service Demonstration Program at the U.S. Commission on national and Community Service.

He is a graduate of Harvard College and Stanford Law School.

The Los Angeles City Ethics Commission is comprised of five volunteer members with the Mayor, City Attorney, City Controller, City Council President, and City Council President Pro Tempore each appointing one member. Members are limited to serving one five-year term. Appointments are subject to confirmation by a majority of the City Council.

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