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**COUNCILMAN ZINE APPLAUDS GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER'S
EFFORT TO PROMOTE VOLUNTEERISM**

(Los Angeles) – Governor Schwarzenegger will be signing an Executive Order to establish a Cabinet-level service and volunteering position, promoting volunteerism in California and improving collaboration of volunteer efforts between the state's departments and agencies. This executive order will elevate the Executive Director of California Volunteers to the Cabinet-level position of Secretary of Service and Volunteering. This action will cost the state no additional money and will require no additional staff.

Councilman Zine believes in the strength of California's volunteers saying, "As a public servant and an active volunteer, we depend on civic-minded people to take on the toughest challenges facing our communities. In this time of fiscal austerity, I applaud Governor Schwarzenegger for mobilizing volunteer recruitment efforts. It is both fiscally prudent and makes good common sense."

The announcement of the establishment of The California Office on Service and Volunteering will be taking place on Tuesday, February 26th at California State University, Northridge. For more information, contact the Governor's Press Office at 916-445-4571.

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