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**PADILLA NAMES DEACON ROBERT WINN, ARTURO VARGAS TO CITY
COUNCIL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

LOS ANGELES – City Council President Alex Padilla has named Deacon Robert Winn and Mr. Arturo Vargas to the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission.

Deacon Winn is a retired Vice President and Business Representative for the United Food and Commercial Workers' International Union Local No. 770. Deacon Winn has served as First Vice President of the San Fernando Valley branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and served as a State Commissioner on the Status of African-American Males. A native of Sawyerville, Alabama, Deacon Winn graduated from Hale County High School and attended the University of Maryland.

Deacon Winn has received the Ray Arnold Award from the San Fernando Valley Branch of the NAACP in recognition of his exemplary record of civic leadership. Deacon Winn lives in Mission Hills with his wife, Minnie, and has been a member of Saint Paul Baptist Church for 35 years. The Winns have six children and ten grandchildren.

Arturo Vargas is the Executive Director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO), a national membership organization, and the NALEO Educational Fund, a national nonprofit civic participation and civic research organization. The Fund's program goals include U.S. citizenship outreach and assistance, youth leadership development, and research on demographic and electoral trends. Before joining NALEO, Mr. Vargas was the Vice President for Community Education and Public Policy of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). Born in El Paso, Texas, Mr. Vargas lives in Los Angeles, and holds a master's degree in Education and a bachelor's degree in History and Spanish from Stanford University.

Mr. Vargas presently serves on the boards of the Edward W. Hazen Foundation, Hispanics in Philanthropy, the Independent Sector, the National Civic League, the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, the National Immigration Forum, and Workplace Hollywood. Mr. Vargas has received *Hispanic Magazine's* 1995 Hispanic Achievement Award for Community Service, the National Federation of Hispanic Owned Newspapers 1998 Leadership Award, and the National Association for Bilingual Education's 1999 President's Award.

Both Deacon Winn and Mr. Vargas begin their positions immediately.

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