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## **ALARCON LAYS OUT AGGRESSIVE AGENDA FOR JOBS COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE THE BUSINESS CLIMATE, STIMULATE JOB CREATION, REDUCE POVERTY AND RETAIN AND ATTRACT FILMING IN LOS ANGELES**

**Los Angeles, CA** – Today, the same day that he took over as Chair of the Jobs & Business Development Committee, Los Angeles City Councilmember Richard Alarcón held a special meeting of the Committee to present his vision for the coming year and for advocates to share ideas and insight on the issues under the Committee's purview. The Jobs & Business Development Committee covers issue of business taxes, job development, filming issues and the Master Plan to End Poverty in Los Angeles.

"The issues covered by the Jobs & Business Development Committee have an incredible impact on the people of Los Angeles and on the local economy," said Councilmember Alarcón. "Today, I am announcing an aggressive agenda of hearings for this Committee, so we can move forward quickly to implement programs and policies that will improve our business climate, reduce poverty and reclaim our status as the movie making capitol of the world."

At today's hearing the first item was an overview of the mission-and jurisdiction of the Jobs & Business Development Committee. Representatives from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA), United Way, Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE), FilmLA, Inc., the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and the Teamsters Local 399 all were on hand to testify before the committee. These representatives presented their thoughts on the City's current policies and offered ideas about how the City can improve the business climate, reduce poverty and retain and attract filming.

The second item on today's agenda was a review of the motions and resolutions pending before the Committee by representatives from the office of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Chief Administrative Officer. Just as he did when he became the Chair of the Education and Neighborhoods Committee, Councilmember Alarcón committed to moving the items forward promptly, so motions and resolutions do not languish in the Committee's file.

Councilmember Alarcón committed to introducing and championing several items, including allowing Angelenos to tap into the City's pension fund, creating a report on barriers to filming at specific locations in Los Angeles and reducing business taxes. He also committed to holding hearings so specific topics can be explored in depth. The upcoming Jobs & Business Development Committee schedule includes hearings on these topics:

- September 8: Business Taxes
- September 10: Special Townhall Meeting on Consumer Protection (*At Mission College*)
- September 22: Filming in Los Angeles
- October 13: Public Sector / City Investment Policies
- October 27: Los Angeles' Economic Development Strategy
- November 10: Master Plan to End Poverty in Los Angeles

The exact agendas and items to be covered will be announced in advance of these meetings. Councilmember Alarcón encourages businesses, non-profit organizations and community members to contact his office with ideas and input on the topics under the purview of the Jobs and Business Development Committee.