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**MAYOR HAHN SWEARS-IN EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS CENTRAL AND
SOUTHWEST AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OFFICERS**

SOUTH LOS ANGELES - Mayor Jim Hahn today swore-in and congratulated the leaders of the Empowerment Congress Central and Southwest Area Neighborhood Councils during their regular meeting at the Constituent Service Center in South Los Angeles.

"Thank you and congratulations to the Empowerment Congress Southwest and Central Area Neighborhood Councils for going through the certification process and being a part of our network of neighborhood councils," said Mayor Hahn.

Mayor Hahn also acknowledged the Empowerment Congress Central and Southwest Neighborhood Councils for being a model for the community and other Neighborhood Councils.

During the meeting, Mayor Hahn swore-in newly elected officials of the Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Council as Chair Frank Prater, Co-chair Michael Thomas, Secretary Gwendolyn Wood, Neighborhood Representative 1 Lamar Lyons, Neighborhood Representative 1 Micheline Wilcoxon, Neighborhood Representative 2 Aldreama Flowers, Neighborhood Representative 2 Jasmine Patton, and Neighborhood Representative 3 Steven Avalos. Mayor Hahn also swore-in newly elected officials of the Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Council as Chairman James Harris, Co-chairman Patricia Jones, Secretary Doris Spates, Neighborhood Representative 2 Norris Byrd, and Neighborhood Representative 2 William Denson.