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**\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\***

**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT HERB WESSON  
ENDORSES  
ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA FOR GOVERNOR**

*Wesson is Fourth Former Assembly Speaker to Endorse Villaraigosa for Governor*

**Los Angeles** – Today, former California Assembly Speaker and current Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson announced his support for Antonio Villaraigosa for Governor. Council President Wesson joins with three former California Assembly Speakers: Karen Bass, Fabian Nuñez and John Perez in backing Villaraigosa.

“Antonio is a man who leads with conviction, said Los Angeles City Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr. following his endorsement of Antonio Villaraigosa for California Governor. “He says what he means and means what he says and will be a champion for Californians in the fight against destructive Trump-era policies.”

Throughout their careers, the two leaders have worked to increase education and career opportunities in disadvantaged communities to help working families and at-risk youth find a path to economic equality.

“I’m honored to have the support of my good friend and former colleague, Council President Herb Wesson – someone I have tremendous respect for,” said Villaraigosa. “We share a common goal to help end the education and economic disparities that exist across California. As Governor, I will work with the Council President to ensure economic equality and opportunity because when we stand together we win, when we unite we all prosper.”

Antonio recently released “Life Stories” video that shows his upbringing in a poor, high-crime neighborhood just east of downtown Los Angeles. He discusses the challenges kids face in disadvantaged communities that don’t have resources because he was one of those kids. As Mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa worked to improve schools, increase after-school programs and reduce crime.

Life Stories Video: <https://antonioforcalifornia.com/life-stories/>

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