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**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS CURREN PRICE &  
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON ENDORSE ANTONIO  
VILLARAIGOSA FOR GOVERNOR CITING HIS COMMITMENT TO  
QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION**

**LOS ANGELES, CA** – Today, Los Angeles City Council Members Curren D. Price Jr. (District 9) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (District 8) endorsed Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for governor. The leaders made the announcement after touring the Holmes Early Education Center in South Los Angeles where they heard from teachers, parents and administrators about the programs that put students on the path towards success.

“Antonio Villaraigosa has dedicated his career to creating economic opportunity and equality for all communities, and I’m proud to endorse him for Governor,” said Council Member Curren Price. “I know as governor, he will address the economic divide that exists across the state – beginning with early education programs that helps kids from all walks of life have the opportunity to succeed.”

“I throw my full support to the campaign to elect Antonio Villaraigosa Governor of California,” said Council Member Marqueece Harris-Dawson. “More than any candidate, Antonio has lived the California dream, and he fights harder than anyone to keep that dream alive for generations to come.”

As governor, Antonio will provide the leadership to improve opportunity and equality for children in all communities, as well as for the professionals who educate California's children. He would appoint a cabinet-level Early Childhood Education Coordinator to work across departments, connect with public and private sectors to identify best practices and work with stakeholders to develop improvements to our overall system of early childhood care and education, including improved training and compensation for our workforce and better data collection to monitor our progress.

"I'm honored to have the endorsement of Council Members Price and Harris-Dawson who are committed to strengthening our communities," said Antonio Villaraigosa. "As governor, I will work the council members and other local leaders to ensure we are creating quality educational opportunities for children of all ages including early education programs."

The council members join with other Los Angeles leaders who have endorsed Villaraigosa for governor, including City Council President Herb Wesson, Congresswoman Karen Bass, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Los Angeles Supervisor Sheila Keuhl, State Senator Steven Bradford and former Los Angeles Supervisor Gloria Molina.

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