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**THE HONORABLE JAN PERRY**  
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As Councilwoman of the Ninth District, Jan Perry understands the unique needs of her diverse constituency. Greater access to basic city services, expansion of after-school programs for kids, increasing green space, and fostering economic growth in all parts of the district are among her priorities for her second four-year term in office. She has successfully responded to public works issues throughout the Ninth District, repairing sidewalks; paving miles of streets; trimming trees; and cleaning alleys, lots, and supporting neighborhood and environmental clean-up efforts. Perry continues to work with the community to bring millions of dollars in capital improvements to parks and recreation centers, to increase public safety, and to achieve environmental justice for all.

Perry has worked diligently with the Department of Public Works to secure major infrastructure improvements throughout the Ninth District. To date, there are 427 trash capture devices installed in the district. With the combined efforts of Perry's office, the Bureau of Public Works, DWP's "Cool Schools" program, and Trees for a Green LA, Los Angeles Conservation Corp, and Tree People, 646 additional trees have been planted. More than 34 miles of streets have been resurfaced, 670 streets have been paved and 420 blocks worth of sidewalk have been repaired. 1064 street lights have been installed. From July 2001 to March 2005, more than 4,000 tons of bulky Items have been collected.

Perry is committed to increasing green space and the clean-up of brown fields in the Ninth District. She has successfully "greened" eight parks, reducing blighted property on these essential community gathering places. She also worked with Nike and the US Soccer Foundation to bring a state-of-the-art soccer field made of recycled materials to South Los Angeles providing thousands of recreation hours of soccer in an environmentally-friendly place for the children who call the Ninth District their home. Additionally, she recently unveiled the Augustus Hawkins Wetland, the first-of-its-kind, man made wetland in a highly urban area in the nation. The wetland is a demonstration project aimed at launching the development of a larger urban wetland park that will bring nature to the heart of South Los Angeles.

As the past Chair of the Environmental Quality and Waste Management Committee and present chair of the Energy and Environment Committee, Perry continues to ensure that the needs of her constituents are met. In fact, Perry co-authored and is credited with the passage of Proposition O. The funds created by Proposition O will be used to stop dangerous pollutants and bacteria from flowing from neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles into waterways. Additionally, the measure benefits every neighborhood in Los Angeles by upgrading storm-drain systems, eliminating flooding at key intersections, creating new community parks, and improving water quality.

Perry continues to support the development and maintenance of quality jobs throughout the Ninth District. In the past year, she has stood side-by-side union leaders and security workers demanding better training and benefits for security workers in the major buildings throughout downtown. She continues to be supportive of the rights and benefits of workers, encouraging the use of local workforce and workforce development in her district.

Perry currently serves as the Chair of the Energy and the Environment Committee; the Chair of the Ad Hoc Homeless Committee; Vice-Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health, and Aging Committee; the Vice-Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Recovering Energy, Natural Resources, and Economic Benefit from Waste for LA (RENEW LA) Committee, and as a member of the Housing, Community and Economic

Development Committee, Ad Hoc Los Angeles River Committee, and Ad-Hoc Stadium Committee. She was appointed by the Mayor to represent the City of Los Angeles as a Governing Board Member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and was recently re-elected in January of 2006 by the Western cities to serve another 4-year term. She also serves as the Assistant Pro Tempore for the Los Angeles City Council, making her the first African-American woman to hold this position in the history of the city.

Prior to being elected to serve as the representative of the Ninth District, Perry had a long history of public service with the City of Los Angeles. During the five years she spent as Chief of Staff for the Ninth District, she became intimately involved with the concerns of the community. In 1998, she was appointed by Mayor Richard Riordan as the Executive Director of the Census 2000 Outreach Project for the City of Los Angeles.

Perry made Los Angeles her home in 1974. She attended the University of Southern California earning a Bachelors Degree in Journalism, Cum Laude. She received her B.A. in 1977, followed by a Masters in Public Administration in 1981. In addition, she earned a Certificate in Litigation from the University of California, Los Angeles Extension in 1979.