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**ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
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JAN PERRY CONFIRMED PERMANENT GENERAL MANAGER

(Los Angeles, December 17, 2013) Jan Perry was confirmed today as the permanent General Manager of the Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) by a unanimous vote of the Los Angeles City Council. Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed her to the job on an interim basis last July, and later permanent. A vote by the City Council concurred with the Mayor's appointment.

The department has a focus on economic stimulus which in turn will create jobs. Ms. Perry directs a staff of approximately 175 individuals that includes an economic development unit charged with brokering city loans and bonds. On the workforce side, the department oversees 18 WorkSource Centers that offer specialized training, resume development, a job bank and a number of career development services.

Currently the department is considering Requests for Proposals from contractors interested in running the WorkSource Centers. Contractors focus on training programs in growth industries including healthcare, advance manufacturing (i.e., biotech, high-tech manufacturing), logistics, hospitality, construction, entertainment and fashion. This sector driven focus will equip jobless individuals with the skills needed to get and keep a job.

"The Mayor and Council agree that everything we do in this department will be tied back to job creation, getting LA working," said Perry.

Ms. Perry has a wealth of experience in economic development. During the 12 years she served as a Los Angeles City Council member, she brokered major development projects in her downtown district including LA Live to the iconic Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels to major public buildings like the new Police Administrative Building.

The EWDD will take over some of the functions of the disbanded Community Redevelopment Agency as some of the former CRA properties are transferred to the City as well as portions of tax increments.

The Economic and Workforce Development Department was created July 2013.

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