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The HNBA Congratulates Fellow Attorney and Community Leader for his Mayoral Victory in Los Angeles

Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa won an overwhelming victory Tuesday night over incumbent James Hahn to become the first Hispanic mayor of Los Angeles since 1872.

Villaraigosa won by resounding margins and prevailed in virtually every corner of the sprawling city. Political strategists said that politicians across the country would study this election, as Hispanics gain influence not just in the Southwest but also in major cities nationwide, particularly as ethnic change makes urban coalition politics ever more vital.

HNBA President Alan Varela noted "Mr. Villaraigosa's track record in public service "as an exemplary one, as evidenced by his tremendous work in both the California State Assembly and the Los Angeles City Council, we look forward to his continued legacy on behalf of his constituents and the Hispanic community in Southern California." "His support came from all corners of the city and the political spectrum; we wish him all the best."

"We have sent a congratulatory message to Mayor-elect Villaraigosa, an esteemed colleague and friend of our organization, and have invited him to participate as a speaker at our 30th Annual Convention in Washington in October," said Juan Carlos Iturregui, the Convention Chair.

The HNBA wishes Mayor-Elect Antonio Villaraigosa continued success. We wholeheartedly support him in his endeavor to better serve the entire Los Angeles community. We also offer the HNBA as a valuable resource to help ensure his success because our nationwide network does constitute an unbeatable talent pool of thousands of educated professionals with a strong desire to move America forward through high-level public service.

The HNBA is a non-profit, national association that represents the interests of over 27,000 Hispanic American attorneys, judges, law professors, law students and legal professionals throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Its continuing mission is to improve the study, practice, and administration of justice for all Americans by ensuring the meaningful participation of Hispanic American legal professionals.