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***ROSENDAHL SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS
Councilman to Form "People's Lobby" on Key Issues***

LOS ANGELES – Councilman Bill Rosendahl is looking for volunteers to join an 11th District Empowerment Congress to generate and lobby for proposals to improve local communities.

"I am looking for the best and the brightest from all over the Westside," Rosendahl said. "With the Empowerment Congress, I want to bring together the genius, the energy, and the commitment of our neighborhood leaders."

Rosendahl said the Empowerment Congress will be a representative body of 300 residents of the 11th District. The organization will serve multiple purposes:

- To serve as a collection of "think tanks" for policy development on key issues facing CD11 and Los Angeles.
- To serve as "people's lobby" on key issues.
- To serve as a forum for leadership networking between CD11's neighborhoods and among residents with different interests, backgrounds and talent.

Applications to join the Empowerment Congress are available on Rosendahl's website (www.councilmanrosendahl.com) or at any of his offices at City Hall, in Westchester, and in West Los Angeles.

The Empowerment Congress will include representatives from neighborhood councils, chambers of commerce, community organizations, environmental groups, etc. Residents who have never participated in organizations or civic affairs are also encouraged to apply.

The entire membership will meet at least twice yearly in a general assembly, but members will be assigned to various committees and task forces focusing on specific issues and policy areas. Those committees will meet frequently to develop policy proposals and serve as advisers to the council office.

"One of the central promises of my campaign was to create an Empowerment Congress to help me govern and to serve as a People's Lobby," Rosendahl said. "I am excited that we are moving

forward, and eager for us to start work.”

More information on the Empowerment Congress can be found on the councilman’s website, www.councilmanrosendahl.com.

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