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## ***EMPOWERING NEIGHBORHOODS***

***Bringing responsiveness, effectiveness and accountability back to local government***

Councilwoman Greuel's leadership is grounded in the belief that problems are solved and progress is made when a responsive government works together with the communities it represents. As an innovative and pragmatic leader, Councilwoman Greuel has worked to increase city transparency, integrate neighborhood organizations, and improve basic neighborhood services.

### ***Accomplishments:***

- ✓ Reformed the use of general purpose funds by requiring a more open and transparent process. Under Councilwoman Greuel's initiative all contracts worth more than \$5,000 must be reviewed by the City Attorney and certified to ensure funds were not used to influence the outcome of any election or political act.
- ✓ Created a city-wide voluntary program in which the city partners with homeowners to pay for 50% of sidewalk repairs and guarantee the work is completed within the fiscal year.
- ✓ Required all cellular service providers to give free access to 311, the Los Angeles City information line.
- ✓ Required 311 to provide contact information for all Neighborhood Council and worked with DONE to implement the reform.
- ✓ Supported the installation of video conferencing systems at six fixed locations throughout the city to allow residents to testify before council from the remote locations.
- ✓ Supported memorandums of understanding between Neighborhood Councils and the Department of Water and Power and the Bureau of Street Services.

### ***On Greuel's agenda:***

- ✓ Working with local planning agencies to ensure that all community stakeholders have a voice in the future of their neighborhoods.
- ✓ Consolidating bulky item pick up services under a single agency to improve the system and make it easier to navigate.
- ✓ Establishing a standardized procedure regarding the use of Master Agreements in all city contracts.
- ✓ Working with neighborhood organizations to prioritize local transportation needs and create community transit service wish lists.
- ✓ Improving the efficiency of 311 so it truly is a one stop call to access all city services.

Recognizing that neighborhood empowerment is the most powerful way to effect change, Councilwoman Greuel works closely with the many community groups in the Second Council District. The partnerships she has built with the community form the foundation for her successes.



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