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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA APPOINTS TONY ROYSTER AS INTERIM G.M. OF GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Royster replaces retiring General Manager Alvin Blain

LOS ANGELES – Mayor Villaraigosa today announced the appointment of Tony M. Royster as the interim General Manager of the Department of General Services (GSD) and City Purchasing Agent, effective April 1, 2008. Royster will replace the current General Manager Alvin Blain, who will be retiring after 35 years of service to the City – the last seven as General Manager of GSD - on March 31, 2008.

Royster has 25 years of shared experience in the City's General Services Department and general services management in both the public and private sectors. From 2004 to the present he has served as the Assistant General Manager of GSD Administration and Building Support, serving as Acting General Manager as necessary, and directing the activities of eleven units in this section: Office of Public Safety, Budget and Finance, Accounting, Payroll, Personnel Services, Emergency Preparedness, Parking, Custodial, Mail, Recycling and Special Events. He has helped develop the Department's annual budget of \$261 million; overseen accounting for \$500 million in expenditures; and directed an operational staff of 1,300 employees and personnel activities for 3,000 employees.

Previous to this, Royster served as GSD's Chief Management Analyst from 2001 to 2004 and as GSD's Director of Building Services from 1993 to 2001, where he directed activities for four Departmental Divisions: Parking, Mail, Custodial and Recycling; lead the consolidation of 100 LAPD Custodians into GSD's existing staff; developed work standards for a staff of 300 employees; and increased employee productivity by 50%.

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From 1985 to 1993, Royster was a District Manager for American Building Maintenance Industries in Los Angeles managing 100 facilities for building maintenance and preventative maintenance, and Area Manager for Southeast Service Corporation in Memphis Tennessee, directing operations for building maintenance-related services for commercial and retail properties.

Royster has been awarded a number of achievement and service honors over the last dozen years, including the City of Los Angeles Productivity Awards for 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2006; the City of Los Angeles Career Service Award in 2001; the U.S. Conference of Mayors Recycling Awards in 1989 and 1999; and the International Professional Manager Association Distinguished Service Award in 1997.

Royster holds an Educational Specialist Degree (ED.S.) in Administration and Supervision from Tennessee Technological University, and a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from the University of Tennessee where he also earned a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services.

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