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### **MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA'S STATEMENT ON THE SAG, AFTRA AND IATSE NEGOTIATIONS**

LOS ANGELES – Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa issued the following statement today regarding entertainment industry negotiations:

“The recent work stoppage within the entertainment industry cost the Los Angeles economy \$2.5 billion and caused personal hardship for thousands of Angelenos.

“As the national economy continues to weaken, there is little doubt that another work stoppage within the industry would have devastating economic effects.

“During the past week, I have been in communication with SAG, AFTRA, IATSE and studio representatives. I have listened carefully and asked all parties to get to the bargaining table immediately to engage in meaningful negotiations.

“I urge all involved to get the deals done expeditiously. We must keep this town working, and avoid devastating effects on the workers, businesses, residents and economy of this great City.”

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