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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA STATEMENT ON SWEARING-IN OF KAREN BASS AS STATE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

LOS ANGELES -- Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa made the following statement today on the swearing-in of Karen Bass as Speaker of the California State Assembly and the first female African-American assembly leader in America:

"Karen Bass' election as speaker is not only historic, it's deeply personal for us in Los Angeles.

"For decades Karen has put her imprint on our community, building a grassroots coalition for real change from South LA to Sacramento.

"I've known and worked with every speaker since Willie Brown, and I see what it takes. Without a doubt, Karen has the intellect, vision and innate ability to lead California through one of the toughest of budget years.

"Today Angelenos could not be prouder of a native daughter breaking barriers for all of America."

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