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OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR JOHN R. NOGUEZ

Newly-elected Assessor John R. Noguez became the 26th Los Angeles County Assessor today with a swearing-in ceremony at the Hall of Administration before a gathering of some 600 friends, family, fellow employees and elected city and county officials.

Board of Supervisors Chair Gloria Molina administered the oath of office to the former Deputy Assessor as his 79-year-old mother, Maria, watched her son become the first Los Angeles County Assessor of Hispanic heritage since 1883.

Joining Noguez at the ceremony were Supervisors Don Knabe and Zev Yaroslavsky, Sheriff Lee Baca, former Assessors Rick Auerbach and Robert Quon, County Chief Executive Officer William Fujioka and California Association of Realtors 2010 President Steve Goddard.

During his remarks, Noguez pledged to continue the yearly review of home and business values for assessment reductions and appropriate property tax savings during the ongoing real estate market decline, oppose major changes to Proposition 13 by going to court if necessary, work closely with assessor unions SEIU Local 721 and CAPE, upgrade technology and improve public service with expanded website and internet access.

"In these days of hard-earned property tax dollars," he stated, "we are going to need more efficient and effective ways to operate government by cutting cost without cutting public service. I welcome suggestions for improvement from everyone in these difficult economic times."

The new Assessor joined the department 25 years ago as a student worker and has also served in various elected positions in Huntington Park, including the post of Mayor, which he relinquished just prior to the swearing-in ceremony.

Noguez, 46, holds an Advanced Appraiser Certificate from the State Board of Equalization and will oversee the nation's largest Assessment Roll, valued at more than one trillion dollars, including 2.6 million parcels. The department has 1,450 employees.

He was elected in the November General Election runoff with nearly one million votes after finishing first in the June primary in a field of 13 candidates.