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## **LOS ANGELES COUNCILMAN DENNIS ZINE BECOMES NEW VOICE FOR 54 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CITIES**

(September 12, 2006) – The Independent Cities Association (ICA), which represents 54 cities throughout Southern California and more than 7 million people collectively, will hold installation ceremonies for its new officers and Board of Directors on Thursday, September 14, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at the Los Angeles Police Academy. Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis Zine will be installed as the new ICA President. Zine’s installation marks the third time in the organization’s more than eighty-year history that a Los Angeles representative has held the presidency (Bob Farrell served from 1981-82 and John Ferraro from 1991-92).

“ICA gives a collective voice to cities throughout Southern California, benefiting 7 million people collectively,” said Zine, adding, “Since its inception, ICA has worked to make that collective voice heard, especially on public safety issues. I’m personally looking forward to strengthening these efforts.”

Zine is serving his second term on the Los Angeles City Council, representing the Third District. Zine has over 38 years in public service, beginning with his service on the Los Angeles Police Department and is currently a Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Officer. He was elected three times to the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Police Protective League and has actively volunteered at organizations such as MADD and Haven Hills Home for Battered Women. In January 2006 Zine was elected the President of the Executives of the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging. He is the city’s representative on the Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee and the Chair of the Immigration Task Force for the National League of Cities (NLC).

“It’s important that ICA use its strong and collective voice to take stands that make our cities safer and enhance the quality of life for our residents,” said Zine. “I intend to push harder to make sure that ICA is at the forefront of issues that impact our cities and our residents.”

Zine takes over the role of president from Monterey Park Councilman Benjamin “Frank” Venti. Under Venti’s leadership, ICA expanded its role in helping shape state and local government issues, by speaking out on issues such as housing, land use, homeland security, transportation and the protection of local funding. Venti is also credited with increasing ICA’s role in addressing the legislative interests of its member cities through the development of educational materials, interaction with legislators and outreach to regional media outlets.

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