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## COMMISSIONER CHARLES PARKS HAS BEEN NOMINATED AND APPOINTED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIZENS' ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

September 9, 2005

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors recently appointed retired Police Commander Charles H. Parks to the Los Angeles County Commission on Economy and Efficiency unanimously. Mr. Parks was with the Long Beach Police Department for thirty three years. Upon retirement from the police department, he served as President of the Long Beach Water Commission during two terms of service before he termed out. Upon leaving the Water Department, Commissioner Parks was appointed to the 2004–2005 Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury, and was selected to serve as Foreperson by the Supervising Judge, Honorable David Wesley. Mr. Parks was able to travel domestically and internationally throughout his working career, because he felt that exposure to other cultures and mores allowed him to do his own job better, and at the same time, earned the respect of others.

Some of his current and past activities involve service with civic and volunteer organizations, including Long Beach Memorial Hospital, St. Mary Hospital of Long Beach, Exchange Club of Long Beach, Long Beach Police Command Officers Association, International Police Management Association, International Footprint Association, Seniors' University at California State University, Long Beach, and Food Finders of Long Beach. Parks earned undergraduate degrees from Long Beach City College and California State University, Long, and a joint post graduate degree from Yale University/Occidental College. Commissioner Parks is also a graduate of the POST Command College, Leadership Long Beach, and is a National Urban Fellow. He has received numerous awards of recognition including Father of the Year, (he's currently a widower), Employee of the Year, Exchange Club Citizen of the Year, Mayor's Proclamation for outstanding service, and City Manager's Incentive and Outstanding Achievement Awards.

Each of the five members of the Board of Supervisors appoints four commissioners to the Economy and Efficiency Commission for two-year terms. The commissioners may be reappointed. The previous year's Grand Jury Foreperson is appointed by the Board as the Commission's 21st member. Created in 1964, the Commission is charged with reviewing all aspects of local government management, operations and policies, and submits recommendations to the Board of Supervisors with the objective of improving the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of local government. The members of this Commission provide their time to the County on a voluntary basis and serve without pay.

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For further information on any this or any other news released by the Economy and Efficiency

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