Herb J. Wesson, Jr. has served as the President of the Los Angeles City Council since November 2011 and has represented Council District 10 since 2005. Wesson is the first African American to hold the position of Council President in the city’s history and has been re-elected three times to lead the city’s legislative body. During his tenure as Council President, Wesson has presided over monumental policy initiatives making Los Angeles a better place to live, work and raise a family. Not only have local policy initiatives—which include raising the minimum wage, pension reform and consolidating city elections to increase voter turnout—positively affected local residents, but in many cases the city’s actions have spurred state and national response and served as a model for similar policies.

Wesson chairs several committees including the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods (REIRN) Committee, Board of Referred Powers and the Ad Hoc Committee on the 2024 Summer Olympics. He is the Vice Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Comprehensive Job Creation. As chair of REIRN, Wesson has facilitated the empowerment of Neighborhood Councils while finding new and innovative ways to engage the public and promote civic engagement.

Since assuming office Wesson has brought much needed economic development to the 10th Council District. Wesson has presided over completed and highly anticipated development projects bringing economic investment and jobs to the community such as Midtown Crossing, a 330,000-square-foot urban retail development, Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw Medical Offices, which will provide primary and specialty health care services for local residents, District Square, a proposed 300,000-square-foot retail complex located steps from Metro’s Expo/Crenshaw Station, and Cumulus, a proposed transit oriented development on 12 acres which will include a mix of residential units, office space and pedestrian-oriented retail. According to a report by the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce, under Wesson’s leadership Council District 10 has the second highest private employment growth rate in the city, is setting the trend for mixed-use developments citywide and boasts an increase in local business activity.

COMMITTEES
1. Chair, Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations & Neighborhoods
2. Chair, Ad Hoc Board fo Referred Powers
3. Chair, 2024 Summer Olympics
4. Vice Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Comprehensive Job Creation
NEIGHBORHOODS:
• Alsace Avenue
• Angelus Vista
• Arlington Heights
• Avenues of Washington
• Baldwin Village
• Baldwin Vista
• Baldwin Hills Village Garden
• Cameo Woods
• CHAPS
• Cherrywood
• Country Club Park
• Crenshaw Manor
• Faircrest Heights
• Gramercy Park
• Harvard Heights
• Harvard Heights North
• Historic Leimert Park Village
• JBAC
• Jefferson Park
• Kinney Heights
• Koreatown
• La Cienega Heights
• Lafayette Square
• Leimert Park
• Little Bangladesh
• Little Ethiopia
• Longwood
• Little Ethiopia
• Longwood
• Marvin/ Carmona/ Curson
• Mid City
• Olympic Park
• Oxford Square
• Picfair Village
• Pico Park
• Queen Anne
• Regent Square
• Reynier Village
• Smiley/Hauser
• SODA
• South Robertson
• Spaulding/Thurman/Genesee
• West Adams Heights Sugar Hill
• Veronica/Sanchez/Sycamore
• Victoria Park
• Village Green
• Wellington Square
• West Adams Avenues
• Western Heights
• Wilshire Center
• Wilshire Vista
• Wilshire Vista Heights
• Wilshire Vista
TOP PRIORITY ISSUES

• **Cannabis Regulations**
  Los Angeles City Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr. was joined by Councilmembers Bob Blumenfield, Paul Koretz and Nury Martinez in releasing the city’s draft regulations governing commercial cannabis activity. The City Council has been engaging in an open and public dialogue over the last year about how to best regulate all aspects of the cannabis industry citywide. After shepherding Measure M to a historic 80.5% passage rate, Wesson immediately began the process of gleaning best practices from neighboring cities and states who had already established responsible cannabis regulations. Wesson who chairs the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods committee which has overseen the crafting of the draft regulations, held over a dozen meetings, including in the evenings, inviting members of the public, industry experts, and regulators from other states including Colorado, Oregon, and Washington to provide testimony. The City Council is currently conducting a 60 day public comment period of the proposed requirements.

• **LA Olympics 2024**
  The past year has been sensational for Los Angeles as City Council President Wesson has been working diligently with the City Council, Mayor Eric Garcetti and LA24 on preparations for the bid to host the 2024 Olympic Games. As we approach decision day, more details emerge and excitement intensifies.

• **Homelessness**
  The city of Los Angeles faces a homelessness crisis and City Council President Wesson has devoted an unprecedented amount of effort toward achieving immediate and long-term solutions. Together with state and county leaders, the City Council continues to develop and implement comprehensive approaches to battle the growing number of homeless.

• **DWP Governance Reform**
  It has been suggested that the Department of Water and Power needs to become more nimble and customer-focused. As part of City Council, Wesson has been working to make the DWP more accountable, efficient, responsive and affordable for the citizens of Los Angeles.

• **Economic Development**
  As both Vice Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Comprehensive Job Creation Plan and as a member of the Economic Development Committee, City Council President Wesson works to ensure efforts are put forth to maintain Los Angeles on the path toward economic prosperity and job creation.

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