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**EMANUEL PLEITEZ COMES OUT STRONG AT UCLA MAYORAL CANDIDATES DEBATE**

*Pleitez gets aggressive early, portraying other candidates as lacking in real economic experience*

LOS ANGELES – Emanuel Pleitez came out strong and aggressive early in the UCLA Mayoral Candidates Debate televised last night on NBC 4. The theme of the night, “Your vision for driving the Los Angeles economy,” set the stage for questions about job creation, the city budget, and other economic issues in the city.

Pleitez, when asked about jobs, was quick to frame his answer saying “Anyone who stands up here and tells you that they will “create jobs” is naïve.” For Pleitez, “jobs are created when businesses grow and hire from a skilled workforce.” He positioned himself as the only candidate qualified to save Los Angeles from economic disaster because of his experience in the private sector and at the federal level, both of which the other candidates lack. Pleitez carried this same attitude throughout the night.

On pension reform, Pleitez took aim directly at Councilman Eric Garcetti, stating that “no money means no money no matter the size of the deficit. Both mean massive cuts to city services.” He extended his criticism from Garcetti to all of the elected officials in the running, asking the audience to help him “get our budget under control by cleaning up after our politicians and their false promises.” Pleitez also proposed a pension buyout plan that would give workers the option to receive their pension benefits up front instead of receiving nothing in the future due to unfunded pension fund liabilities.

Asked about last night’s performance, Pleitez responded, “we’ve been working hard since July to get to this point and now Angelenos across the city have gotten the chance to hear what I bring to the table. We raised the money, walked the streets, made the calls, and now I’m equal if not better than the other 4 prominent candidates. Angelenos need to know that they have a real choice between the path we’re on and a new kind of leader. Los Angeles deserves a mayor who actually understands the economy and knows what it’s like to struggle in this city. I’m the only candidate who can fill that void.”

Pleitez hopes to continue his momentum tonight at the Sinai Temple Town Hall. The event questions will cover topics including: crime, cost of living, education, and homelessness, among other topics. The Jewish Journal will be live streaming the event on their website.

Pleitez is a former technology executive, with public, private, and non-profit sector experience, and was appointed to manage President Obama’s Economic Recovery Advisory Board. Pleitez, an LA native, grew up on the eastside and currently lives in El Sereno with his wife, Rebecca.

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