

New Councilmembers Sworn In, Call for Action



Antonio Villaraigosa



Martin Ludlow

■ **New City Council is in effect July 1. Villaraigosa, Ludlow join Parks, Smith as new members.**

Starting July 1, a newly constituted City Council

took over, as Antonio Villaraigosa (District 14) and Martin Ludlow (District 10) joined other newly elected members Bernard Parks (District 8) and Greig Smith (District 12).

More than half of the 15 members are African American or Latino for the first time in the city's modern history.

Parks and Smith were sworn in shortly after their elections in March. Villaraigosa and Ludlow were sworn in June 28.

At swearing-in ceremonies, Villaraigosa called for community involvement, and Ludlow called for the curbing of gang violence.

Villaraigosa is the former State assemblyman. Ludlow is the former political director of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.

Because of the Council's new make-up, it is expected to forward an agenda more heavily slanted toward social justice and action.

Parks is the former chief of police at the LAPD. Smith is the former chief of staff for Hal Bernson, who retired from the Council due to term limits.

Smith is expected to be one of the few conservatives on the Council. ■

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Greig Smith



Bernard Parks

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