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Gloria Gray Joins West Basin Board

New Director Brings Years of Community Service to Position Representing Inglewood

Carson, CA – Former Inglewood Unified School District Board Member Gloria D. Gray became the first African American woman elected to the West Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors in its history in November 2006. She will represent the Division II cities of Inglewood, South Ladera Heights, a portion of Lennox and unincorporated areas of Athens, Howard and Ross-Sexton. Director Gray was elected in November, receiving 54 percent of the vote and defeating incumbent Jose A. Fernandez, who received 39 percent of the vote.

Director Gray dedicated her 36-year career to the Los Angeles County Departments of Human Services and Health Services in the areas of community relations, administration, health care management and human resources. She retired in 2003 as a Health Care Administrator for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

In addition to her career in health services, Gray has been committed to other public service arenas. She served two terms on the Inglewood Unified School District, from 1995-2003, and served as President twice. Director Gray was elected an Executive Board Member for the Los Angeles County Democratic Party (LACDP) Central Committee, representing constituents of the 51st Assembly District on governmental issues from 1994-1998. In 2006, she was again elected to the LACDP Central Committee. In 2003, she was appointed to the Los Angeles County Hospitals and Health Care Delivery Commission by Second District Supervisor Yvonne Burke. She was reappointed in 2007. She is also the President of the Black Health Services Action Committee and Black Organizations Alliance, employee organizations from Los Angeles County Probation, Social Services and Health Services Departments. Appointed by Inglewood Mayor Roosevelt Dorn, Director Gray also sits on the Los Angeles Airport Area Community Advisory Commission, representing Inglewood.

Director Gray has served on numerous Boards and Committees, including KCET, Inglewood YWCA, King/Drew Medical Center, Charles Drew University of Science and Medicine, South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inglewood Leadership Council and Congresswoman Maxine Waters' Black Women's Forum. She is also a committed member of SEIU, Local 660.

In recognition of her devoted community service, Gray has received several awards and commendations, including 2002 Woman of the Year from the California Legislative Assembly 25th Senatorial District, Outstanding Leadership Award from the American Business Women Association and Living History Maker – Outstanding Community Service Award from *Turning Point Magazine*.

“I think my commitment to public service is reflected in the variety of organizations I have volunteered to serve as well as the enthusiasm I have brought to each entity,” Director Gray said. “I believe I can make a difference at West Basin by focusing my energy toward the crucial water issues affecting our region. I’m excited to give my community a voice in such an important arena.”

Director Gray earned her Bachelors Degree from the University of Redlands and her Health Services Management Certificate from the University of California Los Angeles. She also received a Masters in Governance Certificate while serving on the school board.

Director Gray is also a proud mother of two daughters and grandmother of five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

West Basin is a public agency that wholesales imported water to cities, mutual water companies, investor-owned utilities and private companies in the South Bay and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, serving a population of nearly a million. In addition, West Basin provides the region with recycled water for municipal, commercial and industrial uses. Formed in 1947, West Basin is committed to ensuring a safe and reliable water supply for the region.

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