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**COUNCILMEMBER GREUEL MOVES TO ELIMINATE
PRODUCTION FEES ON CITY PROPERTY**

Los Angeles – In her continued effort to keep the entertainment production industry from fleeing the City of Los Angeles in search of lower production costs, Councilmember Wendy Greuel today introduced a motion asking the City Council to eliminate City facility use fees for filming on properties owned by the City of Los Angeles.

"The film and media production industry is a vital economic engine in the City of Los Angeles, employing nearly 80,000 workers and injecting almost \$31 billion into the local economy," said Councilmember Greuel. "Waiving fees at city owned facilities will help us compete with other states that are luring production away from Los Angeles with attractive incentive packages."

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has made the elimination of fees for production on city property a priority since taking office.

"This is a step toward keeping Los Angeles' signature industry where it belongs," said Mayor Villaraigosa. "Councilmember Wendy Gruel understands the importance of the economic impact the film industry has on our city, and I commend her for her leadership on this issue."

Councilmember Greuel, who led the city in its efforts to provide tax relief for artists and film production companies, asked the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to review the City's existing incentive programs for film and media production, and to report back on the viability of using Community Redevelopment Areas, State Enterprise Zones, and Federal Empowerment Zones to create hubs of post-production facilities and other film and media related activities.

The motion also directs the CAO, with the assistance of the Community Development Department, to report back on establishing workforce development and training opportunities in film and media production to create a stable pool of local professionals for this industry.

A copy of Councilmember Greuel's motion is attached.

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