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The Association of Professional Disabled Service Employees ("APDSE") Official Political Endorsement of Mr. Herb Wesson for County Board of Supervisors, Representing the 2nd District of and for the County of Los Angeles Submitted on behalf of this Labor Organization on July 12, 2019 Sent via Email Address APDSEUnion@gmail.com to haileyslaw16@gmail.com, nina.tognazzini@gmail.com, & ajwest@gmail.com

Dear Supervisor Wesson:

On behalf of the Association of Professional Disabled Service Employees ("APDSE") the undersigned enthusiastically submits this political endorsement for your candidacy for the 2nd District of and for the County Board of Supervisors for the County of Los Angeles.

The APDSE is the (1st) first Labor Organization formed and chartered in the United States by Persons working with Disabilities ("PWD's" hereinafter) to represent the workers that are employed to provide critical services to persons living and working with disabilities here in Los Angeles County. As a Labor Organization that represents the professional employees that serve PWD's, the APDSE has both the expertise and the first hand experiences with the residents of the great County of Los Angeles that are lacking the below critical services:

- Accessible and Affordable Housing
- Professional Advocacy with respect to Representation before the Social Security Administration (SSA hereinafter), the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS hereinafter), the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR hereinafter), California Regional Center (CRC's hereinafter) and other administrative agencies that provide services that effectuate the desire for PWD's to live independently and free from restrictive public social services
- Access to the highest quality of medical care and Access to Professional Patient Advocates that serve PWD's
- Access to the highest quality of Mental Health Treatment (please see the Mental Health Parity Act as promulgated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) (PPACA hereinafter)
- Access to public transportation capable of accommodating PWD's with both physical and invisible disabilities

As front line workers serving PWD's, the APDSE membership is at the front line in the battle to remedy the crisis with respect to the thousands of Los Angeles County residents living without the dignity of housing, persons living without the dignity of access to quality medical and mental health care. Most importantly PWD's demand quality jobs that provide a middle class lifestyle, free from abusive and discriminatory work environments. The APDSE applauds your tireless unrelenting work to achieve the raise of the City of Los Angeles' minimum wage through the Minimum Compensation Ordinance 183612 (MCO hereinafter) and other legislative actions that have greatly improved the terms and conditions of employment for ALL workers and PWD's are working with disabilities. On behalf of this truly grass roots member driven Labor Organization formed by PWD's to serve PWD'S, the undersigned intends to mobilize voters living in Los

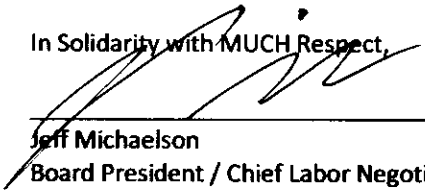
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Angeles to elect a County Board of Supervisors that has demonstrated leadership capacity at the state, city, County levels of government that has also demonstrated achievement with respect to improving this County's massive Social Welfare budget. Los Angeles County's budget includes approximately \$13.3 Billion designated specifically for Social Welfare and another \$2.3 Billion for other Social Welfare related programs, as provided in several pie charts by the County's Chief Executive Officer. With this said, the objectives of the APDSE with respect to serving PWD's is also the principal objective for the County Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the sizeable budget that is designated for Social Welfare programs, which would include serving PWD's. The APDSE is a particularly valuable partner because over half of the Los Angeles County budget is designated as Social Welfare spending, The APDSE intends to partner with your campaign by mobilizing the large segments of voters who are PWD's and developing proposals that shall vastly improve this County's Social Welfare programs through access to well paid jobs free from abusive and discriminatory management practices like the California Nurses Association (CAN hereinafter) the APDSE intends to mobilize the residents of this County that demand the best health care system for the residents living in the Great County of Los Angeles. I know you are very busy, however, if you have a moment, please peruse the APDSE website at apdselaborunion.org.

On behalf of the Association of Professional Disabled Service Employees, the undersigned would propose developing a joint press release with your campaign, in the interim the undersigned is honored to endorse your candidacy for the 2nd District of and for County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors as the next Board of Supervisor for this County. Please contact at your earliest convenience via Email at jeffmichaelson.apdse@gmail.com or phone at 310.461.9648, or at the APDSE's above business address. In closing, let's roll up our sleeves and mobilize the voters to cast their ballots for the next 2nd District Board of Supervisor for the great County of Los Angeles in the four short months before this election to be held on November 5th, 2019.

In Solidarity with MUCH Respect,



Jeff Michaelson
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Association of Professional Disabled Service Employees ("APDSE")

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