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Speaker Karen Bass and Speaker-elect John A. Pérez Announce Assembly Transition

SACRAMENTO – Assembly Speaker Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles) and Speaker-elect John A. Pérez (D-Los Angeles) announced today that March 1, 2010 will be the date of Pérez’s official swearing in as the 68th Speaker of the California State Assembly.

“It’s recently been announced that March 1, 2010 will mark one of the roughest transitions in history--the changing of the Tonight Show from Conan O'Brien to Jay Leno,” Bass said. “I am delighted that March 1, 2010 will also mark one of the *smoothest* transitions in history, when I turn the Assembly gavel over to incoming Speaker John Pérez. As we have been meeting and working together closely these past few weeks, I know absolutely that John is more than ready, willing and able to step in as Speaker and do an excellent job helping the people of California meet the tough challenges we face together.”

“I am excited to officially assume the duties of office of Speaker,” Pérez said. “Even though this is one of the most challenging times in modern California history, I am confident that this can be a year of reform where we finally stabilize our budget situation, and push forward with the hard work of creating the decent, well-paying jobs that will bring California out of this recession. I want to thank my colleagues in the Legislature for their confidence, and I particularly want to thank Speaker Bass and Leader Blakeslee for their thoughtful and dedicated leadership. This can be a great year for California, and I am eager to get to work.”

Website of Speaker Karen Bass: www.asm.ca.gov/speaker

Website of Speaker-elect John A. Pérez: www.asm.ca.gov/jperez