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**MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA ISSUES STATEMENT ON  
COMMISSIONER JULIE GUTMAN BEING NAMED EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAM FOR TORTURE VICTIMS**

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**LOS ANGELES** – Mayor Villaraigosa issued the following statement on Julie Gutman, Vice-President of the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works Commission and Senior Labor Advisor, being named Executive Director of the Program for Torture Victims, the first human rights organization of its kind in the country.

"The Program for Torture Victims is not only acquiring a brilliant leader, but also a passionate and committed champion of social justice who has dedicated her career to working on behalf of the oppressed.

I would like to thank Julie for her tireless dedication and service to the City of Los Angeles. As a trusted advisor, I have relied on her recommendations for workforce development initiatives that have created good middle class jobs in Los Angeles. She has been an invaluable asset for the City, bringing together labor leaders with private sector employers and spearheading legal and political strategies that help our most vulnerable residents.

I wish Julie nothing but the best and look forward to seeing her progress and thrive in her new position as a national advocate for protecting human rights."

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