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## Villaraigosa Landslide

### Voter Discontent Helps Propel Challenger to a Historic Victory



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Antonio Villaraigosa romped past incumbent James K. Hahn to make history Tuesday, winning election as the first Latino mayor of Los Angeles since the city's pioneer days.

Riding a huge wave of voter discontent, the challenger avenged his 2001 loss to Hahn, who possessed an iconic family name but never connected strongly with voters during a rocky four-year term.

Villaraigosa's landslide represented a crowning symbol of Latinos' growing clout in California, after decades of population gains that failed to produce a commensurate rise in political power. L.A.'s last Latino mayor, Cristobal Aguilar, left office in 1872, when the now-sprawling metropolis was a frontier outpost of barely 6,000 people.

The runoff contest also produced a striking parallel with the city's last breakthrough election in 1973, when Tom Bradley won a rematch against incumbent Sam Yorty to become the first black

#### Voting results

##### Los Angeles mayor

Villaraigosa	244,779	58.53%
Hahn	173,423	41.47%
Precincts reporting		92%

##### 11th Council District

Krisiloff	18,855	43.55%
Rosendahl	24,442	56.45%
Precincts reporting		91%

##### Charter Amendment A

<i>Shifts control of airport police</i>		
Yes	134,455	35.62%
No	243,059	64.38%
Precincts reporting		92%

##### Charter Amendment B

<i>Changes city recall election rules</i>		
Yes	191,412	51.97%
No	176,868	48.03%
Precincts reporting		92%

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## Big Win,



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**EXULTING:** Antonio Villaraigosa is cheered at his victory party. "It doesn't matter whether you go to work in a fancy car or on a bus, or whether you worship in a cathedral or a synagogue or a mosque. We are all Angelenos, and we all have a difference to make," he said.

COLUMN ONE

## Vampires Prey on Panama

■ Blood-sucking bats take a bite out of cattlemen's profits, but

# Orange Diocese Gives Details on Sex Abuse

Documents show how officials covered for, transferred and even promoted pedophiles.

More than 10,000 pages of letters, handwritten notes, memos and other documents detailing church actions were released from the personnel files of 15 priests and teachers as part of a

accused once again, they sent him to a New Mexico rehabilitation center with a notation: "No one else will take you." And they offered a repeat abuser up to \$19,000 to leave the priesthood

rematch against incumbent Sam Yorty to become the first black mayor of Los Angeles. That race also marked the last time a mayor was turned out of City Hall.

Shortly before midnight, a beaming Villaraigosa greeted chanting supporters to claim victory and restate his campaign's theme of unity.

"It doesn't matter whether you grew up on the Eastside or the Westside, whether you're from South Los Angeles or Sylmar," he said. "It doesn't matter whether you go to work in a fancy car or on a bus, or whether you worship in a cathedral or a synagogue or a mosque. We are all Angelenos, and we all have a difference to make."

Villaraigosa staged his victory party downtown in a grandiose setting befitting the historic occasion.

Thousands of supporters swarmed the street outside Los Angeles Center Studios — the former Unocal headquarters — with downtown skyscrapers as a backdrop and lavender jacaranda trees glowing under lights shining from the rooftop.

"Let's declare our purpose here and now," Villaraigosa said, to roars from the crowd. "Our purpose is to bring this great city together. Our purpose is to draw fully and equally on the rich diversity of all our communities and neighborhoods."

A short time later, he said Hahn had called him and "conceded in a gracious manner."

For his part, the defeated in-  
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