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FORMER LOS ANGELES SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE JOINS ARC'S PANEL

Los Angeles, CA, January 27, 2009 - ARC (Alternative Resolution Centers) is pleased to announce that recently retired Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke has joined its panel of neutrals. Ms. Burke has a storied, five-decade career as a lawyer and public servant whose accomplishments have been recognized on a national level. She is well-known for her leadership skills and gained a reputation as a good listener who brought an attorney's perspective to her most recent role as a supervisor of the nation's second largest city. As a member of ARC's panel, Ms. Burke will focus on resolving disputes involving state and local regulations, business/commercial, probate, environmental, employment, medical malpractice, real estate, and eminent domain/land use issues.

As a three-time chair of the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Burke was responsible for the review and settlement of a wide range of litigation. As chair of Metro, she was involved in labor negotiations and settlement of the transit strike. Ms. Burke was also a partner in the national law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue (now Jones, Day) from 1987-93, where she specialized in public finance and public/private partnerships for facility development.

"Yvonne Burke's stellar career speaks for itself. She has used negotiation and mediation skills to deal with significant issues virtually every single day. Now she will be putting those abilities to use to resolve disputes in both the public and private sector," said ARC President Amy Newman. "We are delighted to have Yvonne Burke on our panel. As a lifelong politician and public servant, she is a natural mediator and will do well in a wide range of practice areas."

"I am looking forward to the exciting opportunity to serve as a mediator and arbitrator," said Ms. Burke. "During the last three years, I have participated in excellent educational programs and learned how important mediation is to the legal system. I am particularly pleased to be a part of the ARC team of neutrals. It is an honor to be associated with so many distinguished former members of the bench and outstanding attorneys."

Ms. Burke recently retired after serving four terms as a Los Angeles County Supervisor in the Second District (1992-2008) and the Fourth District (1979-80). Among her myriad achievements as a supervisor, Ms. Burke has been a leader on issues involving children and families, economic development, employment, transportation and the environment.

A civil rights pioneer who received her law degree when many firms refused to hire women or minorities, Ms. Burke opened her own law office and specialized in housing, immigration and eminent domain issues. She served as a Deputy Corporations Commissioner and later as a Hearing Officer for the Los Angeles Police Commission. Her

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work as a staff attorney on the McCone Commission investigating the 1965 Watts Riots led to her first position in public office as a California State Assemblywoman (1966-72).

Ms. Burke went on to become the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Congress from California, representing the 37th District from 1972-78 and serving as the first female president of the Congressional Black Caucus. She was also the first African-American elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Since the beginning of her career, Ms. Burke has been honored with countless awards and has chaired or been a board member of numerous prestigious organizations and corporations. She is the recipient of the 2008 Shattuck-Price Outstanding Lawyer Award from the Los Angeles County Bar and the Stalhutt Award from the Los Angeles County Women Lawyers. She is a USC Outstanding Alumni and was honored by USC for her service in 2008. She was the *Metropolitan News-Enterprise* "Person of the Year" in 2003 and UCLA Alumni of the Year in 1996. Ms. Burke is a current member and past president of the Southern California Association of Governments. She was a board member of the Nestlé US Advisory Board (1985-93); the University of California Board of Regents (1978-79, 1981-93); the Ford Foundation (1987-93); a former chair of the L.A. County Children's Planning Council; vice-chair of the 1984 U.S. Olympics Organizing Committee; and a member of the 1973 House Select Committee on Assassinations.

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