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FORMER LOS ANGELES MAYOR JAMES K. HAHN JOINS ARC'S PANEL

Los Angeles, CA, January 17, 2008 - ARC (Alternative Resolution Centers) is pleased to announce that former Los Angeles Mayor James K. Hahn has joined its panel of neutrals. Mr. Hahn served as the 40th mayor of the nation's second largest city from 2001-2005 and prior to that was elected to four terms as Los Angeles City Attorney. Mr. Hahn, 57, will focus on resolving disputes involving business, finance, public policy and personal injury issues.

Mr. Hahn's leadership ability and keen negotiation skills served him well as mayor and resulted in a number of successful initiatives and ballot propositions during his term. He led the effort to defeat secession in the San Fernando Valley, Hollywood and San Pedro, effectively keeping the city of Los Angeles together. In 2004, as co-chair of the California League of Cities, he led mayors statewide in negotiating with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and passing measure 1A protecting local government revenues. Mr. Hahn is also credited with reducing crime by more than 30 percent in Los Angeles, reinstating the community policing program, and markedly improving morale in the police department.

Mr. Hahn has a wide range of experience in dealing with the business and financial communities on a local, national and international basis. As mayor, he signed into law business tax reforms to attract new business to Los Angeles. He established a \$100 million affordable housing trust fund which helped to double annual housing production in the city. He served as chair of the United States Conference of Mayors Aviation Security Task Force and implemented the LAX Master Plan, the first renovation of the airport in 20 years. Mr. Hahn led trade trips to Mexico and Asia to increase tourism and established agreements to share technology and resources between the Port of LA and the ports of Beijing and Shanghai.

"When I was City Attorney, we used ARC's services frequently. Their neutrals have the utmost integrity," said Mr. Hahn. "I'm pleased to be joining their prestigious panel."

"In my roles as Mayor, City Attorney and Controller of a city the size of Los Angeles, I had to use negotiation and mediation skills to deal with significant issues virtually every single day," Mr. Hahn continued. "Now I'll be putting those abilities to use to resolve disputes in the public and private sector."

"We are delighted to have Mayor Hahn on our panel," said ARC President Amy Newman. "He is a nationally-recognized figure who brings a global perspective and an abundance of experience dealing with every imaginable public and private entity. As a lifelong politician and public servant, he is a natural mediator, and he should do well in a wide range of practice areas."

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Mr. Hahn served as a prosecutor in the City Attorney's Office after graduation from the School of Law at Pepperdine University, where he also obtained his Bachelor's Degree. He was elected as the youngest City Controller in 1981. He modernized the city's accounting system, and guided the city's first issuance of tax and revenue anticipation notes to smooth out cash flow.

Mr. Hahn went on to serve a record number of years (1985-2001) as Los Angeles City Attorney, where he pioneered the use of civil injunctions against street gangs and drug dealers, created the citywide nuisance abatement program, and sponsored numerous laws dealing with domestic violence and gang violence.

After he left office in 2005, Hahn became managing director and partner at Chadwick Saylor & Company, a real estate investment banking and capital management firm with offices in Los Angeles and Atlanta.

ARC recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, making it one of the longest standing businesses in the field of dispute resolution. The reputation and industry experience of ARC's distinguished panel has contributed to our success and longevity in a very competitive marketplace. Our panel of federal and state retired justices and judges and attorney neutrals includes five of the *Daily Journal's* "Top 40 Neutrals" in California.

ARC has handled tens of thousands of cases for top law firms, major insurance companies, Fortune 500 companies and public entities. Our 20 years of providing assistance to our clients has resulted in many successful resolutions and satisfied litigants. ARC has two Los Angeles locations, Century City and Downtown, and provides services throughout the United States. In addition to excellent customer service and sophisticated case management services, ARC offers customized programs featuring panelists with subject-specific expertise in complex commercial litigation, corporate law, entertainment, employment, health care, construction defect, personal injury, intellectual property and other areas. For more information, please call 310-284-8224 or 1-800-347-4512 or visit ARC's website at www.arc4adr.com to view panelist profiles.
