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**Candidate Anthony Willoughby receives endorsement of
Assemblyman Mark Ridley-Thomas**

(Los Angeles) -Anthony Willoughby, candidate for the 48th Assembly District, has been endorsed by the district's current Assemblyman, Mark Ridley-Thomas,. The announcement was made recently in Los Angeles.

"I am honored to receive the endorsement of the representative whose legacy of leadership I plan to continue," said Willoughby. "Assemblyman Ridley-Thomas and I share a commitment to improving access to quality health care, increasing educational options for high school graduates and bringing economic development and jobs to our community."

Willoughby's primary educational interests include universal pre-school, exploring a partnership between high schools and community colleges, like Southwest College, to offer vocational programs and increasing the percentage of fully credentialed elementary and secondary school teachers in inner-city schools. His healthcare platform includes an interest in finding creative ways to fund healthcare. As a former minimum wage earner, he is interested in increasing the minimum wage to enable residents to earn a "living wage."

"It is my belief that Anthony Willoughby has the vision, commitment and ability to articulate the issues of concern to the residents of the 48th Assembly District," said Ridley-Thomas. "His ability to analyze critical issues and present creative solutions will be an asset to the legislature."

A product of the Los Angeles Unified School District, Willoughby holds a bachelor of arts degree in Political Science from the University of Southern California and a Juris Doctorate from Hastings Law School. He is currently a trial lawyer and has his own firm that specializes in civil rights, labor law and criminal litigation.

The 48th Assembly District, with a population of more than 400,000, is being vacated by Ridley-Thomas due to term limits.

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