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Statement of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas on Rusty Hicks, New Leader of LA Labor Federation

I would like to congratulate Rusty Hicks on his new position as the leader of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO. I am confident that Rusty will continue to build on the legacy of his predecessor, Maria Elena Durazo, who turned a powerful labor union into a mighty labor movement. The L.A. County Fed. has rightly earned a national reputation for consistently championing the rights of all workers to decent working conditions and fair wages, and I am confident Rusty will not only continue, but enhance this tradition.

As an Afghanistan war veteran, Rusty will no doubt be a strong advocate for the working poor but also for our veterans. He will be a voice for a new generation of labor advocates and workers seeking to close the income inequality gap.

I look forward to working with him and the AFL-CIO as we endeavor to bring a living wage and employment opportunities for Los Angeles County.

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