

Dear Angelenos,

I love this city with all my heart and soul. The opportunity to serve as Mayor has been a privilege of a lifetime. Most gratifying has been the opportunity to work with so many inspiring Angelenos who love their city as much as I do.



THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve.

Thank you for daring to dream with me. Thank you for rooting for us when we swung for the fences, and also for not losing faith, even when we missed the ball. Thank you for knowing that at the very least, we tried our very best.

From Boyle Heights to Baldwin Hills, San Pedro to Sylmar, Van Nuys to Venice, this is the best city in the world. We are a leading metropolis, teeming with the magical energy of our diversity of race, place and possibility. We are a hub of innovation and inspiration.

On July 1, 2005, many songs and prayers were offered in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels, guiding us in our first steps on our journey from that day to this—the future we dreamed of, worked hard for, fought for, and that we now hold in our hands to give forward. The words of one song were about weaving “one heart from many strands.”

I have always believed in the saying “Dime con quien andas y te dire quien eres”—tell me with whom you walk, and I’ll tell you who you are. I am proud to have walked with you these eight years, and with the team whose story is in these pages. Our story of many accomplishments is one story of how

*we gave our whole hearts, woven of
the many vibrant strands of L.A.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio R. Villaraigosa'.

Antonio R. Villaraigosa
June 2013

