

# NEWS

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### LOS ANGELES CITY CLERK PREPARES TO FILL POTENTIAL VACANCY IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

Los Angeles City Clerk Frank Martinez announced today that should Councilmember Alex Padilla be elected to the State Senate in the upcoming November 7, 2006 Statewide General Election, he will submit the necessary recommendations to provide the City Council with the option of calling a Special Election to fill the resulting vacancy in Council District 7 as authorized by the Los Angeles City Charter and consistent with the City's customary practice.

Martinez stated that in order to minimize costs and voter inconvenience, he will propose the following schedule to the City Council that will allow for the Special Election and Special Runoff Election (if one is required) to be fully consolidated with the City of Los Angeles' regular Primary Nominating and General Municipal Elections scheduled for March 6 and May 15, 2007, respectively.

**Filing Period:** December 9 to 14, 2006  
**Nominating Petition Period:** December 9 to 28, 2006

To be eligible to run for the potential vacancy in this office, candidates must have resided in Council District 7 at least 30 days before the first day to file for the office. **Based on the proposed Special Election schedule, candidates must be residents of Council District 7 no later than November 9, 2006.** Candidates must also be registered voters of Council District 7 at the time of their nomination or election to office. (Note: the residency deadline for all offices regularly scheduled for the 2007 municipal elections remains at October 7, 2006.)

Martinez emphasized that Charter Section 409 provides the City Council with the options available in determining the manner and timing for filling a vacant City elected office.

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