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**ROSENDAHL PRAISES NEW CITY BUDGET**  
*Budget to Fund More Police, Provide More City Services*

LOS ANGELES - Councilman Bill Rosendahl is praising the newly approved city budget for placing a priority on hiring more police officers, providing more city services, and fighting traffic gridlock.

By a unanimous vote, Councilman Rosendahl and his colleagues approved the budget for fiscal year 2006-2007, which includes funding for several initiatives important to the Westside: the expansion of the City's police force; the expansion of several capital improvement programs, and the installation of more traffic signals.

Rosendahl, who pledged during his campaign to find more money for police officers and the expansion of city services, said he was extremely pleased with the outcome of the new budget.

"The new budget delivers on key promises I made to my constituents," Rosendahl said. "We now have the resources to better police our neighborhoods and deliver more constituent services."

The budget allots \$10.8 million to hire 650 police officers, a net increase of 135 officers citywide. It also amends the City's financial policies to reflect the City's highest priority- funding a 10,000 officer police force within the next five years.

The budget allocates \$5.5 million for the paving of unimproved alleys, \$28.8 million for 200 miles of street resurfacing, and \$3.9 million for 78 miles of sidewalk repair.

The council also approved an increase of \$2.2 million for the installation of traffic signals and \$1 million to launch the Gridlock Tiger Team project, which will

dispatch traffic coordinators to the City's most congested areas in order to ease traffic congestion.

Rosendahl said the additional funding was a "step in the right direction" and would give him more resources to fight traffic gridlock on the Westside.

"We now have financial support to ease traffic congestion on our streets," Rosendahl said. "This funding will help improve conditions on our City's busiest streets and relieve commuters from the stress of driving within Los Angeles."

The council also allocated \$1.05 million to maintain the current number of emergency shelter beds throughout the City and added \$12 million to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which will allow the fund to reach a total of \$112 million for housing needs.

Rosendahl, a member of the City's Budget and Finance committee, said he enjoyed being part of the deliberations. Praised for his leadership on aging and disability issues during committee sessions, Rosendahl helped identify \$300,000 in additional funding for a strategic plan for senior services.

The budget also provides additional funding for several other key issues important to the district: expansion of library hours; gang prevention, intervention, and reduction programs; and equipment for the Department of Recreation & Parks.

The new budget will take effect July 1, 2006.

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