

## LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor Villaraigosa and Council Members Padilla, Greuel and Cardenas Join Fire Chief Bamattre at Opening of New Fire Station in Sun Valley

**Sun Valley** – Council Members Alex Padilla, Wendy Greuel and Tony Cardenas joined with Fire Chief William Bamattre to celebrate the grand opening of the newest fire station in the City of Los Angeles. Fire Station 77 located in Sun Valley replaces the original fire house that had become too small and outdated.

The project was paid for with Proposition F funds approved by voters in November of 2000. This is the second facility out of 20 to be completed.

Padilla pointed out that with the population growing in the San Fernando Valley there is a great need for expanded public safety resources. "To meet the growing need we have opened a new Police Division in Mission Hills, we have plans to build a new fire station in Sylmar and today we open the brand new Station 77 here in Sun Valley," Padilla said. "With these efforts we are making the Northeast Valley a safer place to live by reducing response time and increasing our capacity to respond to emergencies," he added.

The event included the LAFD Color Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance by Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and the Sun Valley Service Unit, and the National Anthem by God's Women of Treasure.

Padilla represented Sun Valley prior to reapportionment. When it was within his district he was successful in securing a new library for Sun Valley and other community improvements.