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**NEIGHS, NOT NAYS: PADILLA WINS APPROVAL FOR
CITYWIDE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL STUDY**

Corrals \$50,000 in funding to develop comprehensive horse trail plan

LOS ANGELES – City Council President Alex Padilla won unanimous approval today for a Citywide equestrian trail master plan study that will outline the possibilities for growth and expansion of horse trails for public use throughout Los Angeles. In a new development, Council President Padilla also won approval for his amendment that will earmark \$50,000 from his office budget to go toward the completion of the master plan study. The focus of the master plan study will focus on the communities that make up the “Rim of the Valley” – the neighborhoods of Sylmar, Sun Valley, and Lake View Terrace.

“The ‘Rim of the Valley’ neighborhoods in the San Fernando Valley have a long tradition of equestrian life that is a unique part of the Valley’s history and heritage,” said Padilla, who rides horseback with members of the equestrian community several times each year. “Developing a regional equestrian trail plan will help guide the City to identify the need for new resources and new opportunities that will serve horseback riding enthusiasts today, tomorrow, and in the future.”

During today’s Council meeting, several members of the San Fernando Valley’s equestrian community gave public testimony in support of Padilla’s motion and expressed their wishes to see a comprehensive “Rim of the Valley” horse trail corridor that would integrate horse trails with other recreational activities throughout the area.

The City’s Department of Recreation and Parks will begin developing a study that would outline implementation strategies for an equestrian master plan.

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*The 7th Council District serves the communities of Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills,
North Hills, Pacoima, Panorama City, and Sylmar.*