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COUNCILMEMBER ALEX PADILLA WINS APPROVAL FOR CITY TO USE CUTTING-EDGE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SOFTWARE

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LOS ANGELES B Councilmember Alex Padilla today won unanimous approval for Los Angeles to be the first city in the nation to use Internet-based emergency management software. The software application, developed with significant contributions from City departments in conjunction with eteam.com, Inc., is an information system that links 18 police stations, 100 fire stations, and emergency response teams via a secure network.

"This software will place the City of Los Angeles on the cutting-edge of emergency response technology," said Councilmember Padilla, chair of the City's Information Technology and General Services Committee. "By using the latest technology available, we are enabling the City's command and control centers to be as effective as possible in the event of earthquakes or other emergencies.

"With the eteam.com software, the City will be able to quickly access and disseminate critical information, compartmentalize emergency data, and manage emergency resources more effectively. Symbols for fires, collapsed buildings, and other incidents appearing on electronic maps will improve the ability of emergency teams to quickly assess and respond to situations Citywide."

The eteam.com software application has the capability to be tailored for specific Citywide events, such as the Democratic National Convention in August of this year. The City will receive the software at a significant discount and will receive exclusive access to programming codes to allow for customization of the application.

The 7th Council District serves the communities of Arleta, Mission Hills, North Hills, North Hollywood, Pacoima, Panorama City, Sun Valley, Sylmar, and Van Nuys.

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