



**7<sup>th</sup> District News**

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### **COUNCILMEMBER ALEX PADILLA DIRECTS FIRE DEPARTMENT TO EVALUATE FIRE HYDRANT SYSTEM**

**LOS ANGELES** B Councilmember Alex Padilla introduced a motion today directing the Los Angeles Fire Department to report on the status of the City's fire hydrant system and to determine how to fight mobile home park fires more effectively. Firefighters on the scene of a December 19 fire at El Rancho Mobile Home Park in the City of Compton found that nearby hydrants were not connected to the City of Compton's water main, causing a delay in the fighting of the blaze. Compton officials cited jurisdictional disputes with government agencies over installation and maintenance responsibilities as reasons for the hydrants' non-operational status.

A public safety is a basic right we simply cannot ignore, said Councilmember Padilla. AWe need to ensure the highest level of safety for residents in mobile home parks and for those living throughout the City. I want to work closely with the Fire Department to make sure our fire hydrants have a readiness level of 100%.@

The motion will come before the City Council for discussion next week.

***The 7<sup>th</sup> 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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