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PADILLA APPROVES ACCEPTANCE OF CONSULAR IDENTIFICATION CARDS

LOS ANGELES – City Council President Alex Padilla, chair of the City Council's Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, today approved a City recommendation to continue to accept identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate at City agencies.

"By accepting the identification cards known as *matricula consular*, we are enabling our law enforcement agencies, libraries, and Department of Water and Power to provide service to all members of the community," said Padilla. "I support the continuance of this program to provide the City of Los Angeles with yet another way to ensure the continued safety and security of its residents."

The matricula consular is an accepted form of identification in accordance with international law, and is currently accepted as a valid form of identification at major banks and financial institutions in the State of California.

Acceptance of such identification cards does not provide *matricula consular*-holders with any privileges not previously given the cardholder, such as access to local, state, or federal benefits. Cardholders may apply for a library card, sign up for DWP service, and utilize the *matricula consular* as a valid form of identification at City facilities throughout Los Angeles.

The Mexican Consulate, in conjunction with the LAPD, is developing fraud-resistant cards with additional security features such as ultraviolet logos and magnetic strips.

This matter will come before the full City Council in April for approval.

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

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