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**PADILLA CALLS FOR INCREASED PENALTIES FOR AIRPORT SECURITY
BREACHES**

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 support Assembly Bill 1263 (Benoit) that would make the unauthorized entry into a secure, “sterile” airport area a trespassing offense, punishable as a misdemeanor under State Penal Code Section 602.

“We must ensure that the passengers, crew, and employees at our airports, including LAX, are guaranteed the highest possible level of security,” said Padilla. “Previous violations at LAX have resulted in terminal evacuations, delaying flights and putting an extra burden on our public safety personnel.”

Currently, the trespassing offense only applies to airport operations areas that are used for takeoff and landing, airplane maintenance, and baggage handling areas. Assembly Bill 1263 would expand the application of the trespassing offense to include any secured area of the airport.

This matter will come before the full City Council 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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