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## COUNCILMEMBER PADILLA WINS APPROVAL FOR CITY TO HOST ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATIONS *"Spirit of Discovery" theme to showcase Asian-American experience*

**LOS ANGELES** – Councilmember Alex Padilla today won approval to officially declare Asian Pacific American Heritage Month a special event celebration throughout the City of Los Angeles. During May 2000, the City will feature activities and programs to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the Asian Pacific American community.

"Asian Pacific Americans have made innumerable contributions to our City and to the entire country," said Councilmember Padilla. "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is a wonderful opportunity for Los Angeles residents to come together and enjoy this month-long festival as we celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Asian Pacific Americans."

The theme for this year's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is "Spirit of Discovery." Throughout the month of May, numerous events will be sponsored by organizations, including: the Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee, the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association, Wells Fargo Bank, Kaiser Permanente, the *Los Angeles Times*, the Los Angeles Dodgers, the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, and the offices of Councilmembers Hernandez, Padilla, and Goldberg. Mayor Riordan will serve as the event's honorary chair for the seventh consecutive year.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Council District serves the communities of Arleta, Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hills, North Hollywood, Pacoima, Panorama City, Sun Valley, Sylmar, and Van Nuys.

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