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# PADILLA ANNOUNCES MAJOR PROJECTS IN NORTHEAST VALLEY

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**LOS ANGELES** – Councilmember Alex Padilla today announced major programs included in the Budget for the City of Los Angeles. The Council approved the projects on Monday, May 15 in a special meeting.

"Each of these new projects – from new police and fire stations to 'boundless' playgrounds, from youth programs to cultural activities, and from translation equipment to street and sidewalk repair – goes far towards improving the quality of life in the northeast San Fernando Valley," said Padilla. "Area residents will see a record number of streets being paved. Young people will have better parks, new recreational facilities and activities, and new libraries. And all of us will benefit from the lowered police and fire response times as a result of two new major public safety facilities being built."

Highlights of the new programs in Council District Seven include the following:

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS**

- Design & planning of northeast Valley police station (Mission Hills)
- Construction of Fire Station 7 (Arleta) and funding for Fire Department staff

# **RECREATION & YOUTH PROJECTS**

- Additional days added to swim season at Ritchie Valens Park (Pacoima) and Sun Valley pools
- Construction of disabled-accessible "boundless" playground and renovations of other park facilities at Hansen Dam (Pacoima/Lake View Terrace)
- Baseball/softball field renovations at Ritchie Valens and Sun Valley parks
- Girls Sports League Programs at David Gonzalez (Pacoima), Hubert Humphrey (Pacoima), Ritchie Valens, Sylmar, and Sun Valley parks
- Youth boxing program at David Gonzalez Park
- Block grant funding for Valley Youth Center

### **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

- "Great Wall of Los Angeles" mural restoration funding (Van Nuys)
- Library expansion/remodeling at Sun Valley, Pacoima branches
- New library in Lake View Terrace
- San Fernando Mission Festival (Mission Hills)

• Pacoima Christmas Holiday Festival

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# **TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS**

- Translation equipment for City and community events
- Internet web-casting of City Council Meetings
- Non-cable Broadcast of City Council Meetings

### **BASIC CITY SERVICES**

- Record number of street miles to be paved in Seventh Council District
- Additional crews for bulky item trash removal
- Tree stump removal services
- Sidewalk repair funding (the first of its kind in 25 years)
- Additional lighting in City parks including: Brand Park (Mission Hills), David Gonzalez Park, Hubert Humphrey Rec. Center, and Ritchie Valens Park.

The Budget will now go to the Mayor's desk for signature.

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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