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STATEMENT BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PADILLA ON HIS RE-ELECTION TO COUNCIL PRESIDENCY

LOS ANGELES – City Council President Alex Padilla made the following statement today regarding his re-election to the position of President of the Los Angeles City Council:

"I am honored to earn the support of my colleagues so that I may continue to serve as President of the Los Angeles City Council.

"We are at a critical point in our City's history – and while we must work for all Angelenos, we must pay special attention to those who have been left behind. By working in partnership with our residents, businesses, and community organizations, we will work to address some of the most important issues facing this city: to improve public safety, to provide quality economic opportunities for all, and make critical investments in infrastructure so that we may address the long-term needs of a growing, dynamic City.

"Over the past two years, our nation stood strong in the face of international terrorism, our City faced a critical referendum on secession, and Los Angeles continues to face a budget crisis of historic proportions. This City Council faced each of these challenges with leadership, fortitude, and grace. I look forward to working with the entire Council to actively seek ways in which we can improve every corner of Los Angeles."

The President of the Los Angeles City Council is elected to a two-year term at the beginning of each new Council session. The Council President serves as Acting Mayor when the Mayor is out of State, and appoints members to City Council standing committees, City Council ad hoc committees, and various City and regional commissions.

Padilla was first elected to the City Council in 1999 and was elected to his first term as Council President in July, 2001.

Alex Padilla was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley and attended local public schools. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Alex Padilla lives in Pacoima where he attends Mary Immaculate Church.

Additional biographical information on Council President Padilla, along with district information, photos, a staff roster, speeches, press releases, and other useful information can be found online at <u>www.lacity.org/council/cd7</u>

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