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***High Concentration of Liquor Outlets in Northeast Valley Cited***

**LOS ANGELES** – City Council President Alex Padilla and community leaders from the Pacoima Neighborhood Council today won unanimous City Council approval to overturn an appeal by an ARCO gas station mini-market outlet to sell alcoholic beverages at 11243 San Fernando Road in Pacoima. The Council's action – which cannot be overturned – effectively ensures that no alcohol may be sold at this location.

“The vote in Council today was a vote for the men, women, and children who live in the northeast San Fernando Valley,” said Padilla. “The Pacoima Neighborhood Council, the LAPD, and I all agree that the northeast San Fernando Valley is saturated with liquor sales outlets. Public health, safety, and well-being won the day today, and I am truly proud of the activism and dedication of my fellow community members and of the hard-working members of the LAPD for helping to lead the charge at City Hall today.”

“Enough is enough!” said Mr. Richard Gallegos, President of the Pacoima Neighborhood Council. “The Pacoima Neighborhood Council and Youth Council worked hand-in-hand with Councilman Padilla’s office to ensure that our community would not be subject to any additional liquor outlets in our neighborhood. I know that the action the Council took today will make our community healthier and safer for future generations.”

Today’s City Council action overturned the previous decision by the North Valley Area Planning Commission to approve the sale of beer and wine on the premises at an ARCO filling station on San Fernando Road just north of the 118 Freeway. The liquor license application had been previously denied by the City’s Associate Zoning Administrator for the area. Nearly 80 other outlets in the LAPD’s Foothill Division jurisdiction have permits for alcohol sales.

***The 7<sup>th</sup> Council District serves the communities of Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hills,  
Pacoima, Panorama City, and Sylmar***

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