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PADILLA NAMES FELIPE FUENTES AS CHIEF OF STAFF

Monique Kagan to assist with transition, serve as senior advisor

LOS ANGELES – City Council President Alex Padilla today named Deputy Mayor Felipe Fuentes as his Chief of Staff, effective in October. Fuentes will be taking over the position currently held by Monique Kagan. Kagan has served as Padilla's Chief of Staff since April 2000 and has made a personal decision to step down from her Chief of Staff position to spend more time with her two young children. Fuentes previously served in Councilman Padilla's office from 1999 to 2001. As Deputy Mayor, Fuentes assembled a Citywide working group to follow and track secession-related issues, and currently serves as the Mayor's liaison to the Departments of Neighborhood Empowerment, Planning, Building & Safety, and Animal Services.

"I have enjoyed working with Council President Padilla and his staff," said Kagan. "Alex Padilla is an exciting leader with a great deal of energy and drive, and has the brightest of futures," said Kagan. "I am pleased that I am able to make this type of decision, and I am looking forward to acting in an advisory position to the Council President to help assist him through this transition."

"I am very excited about serving as Chief of Staff to the Council President and I am extremely grateful to Mayor Hahn for having been afforded the opportunity to serve the City of Los Angeles," said Fuentes.

"Felipe Fuentes has been an invaluable asset to my office," said Mayor James K. Hahn. "He will be an outstanding Chief of Staff for Council President Padilla and will continue to serve San Fernando Valley residents and businesses well. I look forward to continuing to work with him in this new capacity."

"I will miss Monique and I have been blessed to have her lead a top-notch staff as we have tackled some difficult issues facing our City," said Council President Padilla. "I know that her decision is rooted in her dedication to her family and her wishes to spend more time with them. I also welcome Felipe back to my office, and I will work with him and my staff to improve our neighborhoods in the northeast Valley and throughout the entire City of Los Angeles."

Fuentes is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, is completing his Master's of Business Administration at Pepperdine University, and is a lifelong resident of the San Fernando Valley.

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