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**PADILLA WINS UNANIMOUS APPROVAL FOR SUPPORT OF UN MILLENNIUM
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

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LOS ANGELES – City Council President Alex Padilla won unanimous approval today for his motion to have the City of Los Angeles officially support the UN Millennium Development Goals that provide a blueprint for nations across the globe to undertake major policy reforms and to strengthen governance to empower their people.

“Los Angeles stands with the United Nations in calling upon the world community to ensure that human rights are not parochial –they are universal,” said City Council President Alex Padilla. “As Los Angeles welcomes Secretary-General Annan, we want the world to know that our City will assist the UN and our friends and neighbors all over the world to achieve these vital goals during our lifetime. And while these issues have global implications, each and every one of them are local issues that we are addressing here in the City on a daily basis.”

The passage of this motion coincides with the visit of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to Los Angeles. Tonight, Secretary-General Annan will be addressing the World Affairs Council's 50th Anniversary Dinner, and tomorrow, Wednesday, Secretary-General Annan will be making a public address in the John Ferraro Council Chamber on the 3rd Floor of Los Angeles City Hall.

The UN Millennium Development Goals include:

1. *Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger*
2. *Achieving universal primary education*
3. *Promoting gender equality and empower women*
4. *Reducing child mortality*
5. *Improving maternal health*
6. *Combating HIV/AIDS and other diseases*
7. *Ensuring environmental sustainability*
8. *Developing a global partnership for development*

All United Nations member countries have pledged to meet the UN Millennium Development Goals by the year 2015.

The 7th Council District serves the communities of Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hills, Pacoima, Panorama City, and Sylmar.

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