



**7<sup>th</sup> District News**

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### **PADILLA DIRECTS CITY TO FORTIFY COMPUTER NETWORKS AGAINST CYBER-ATTACKS**

**LOS ANGELES** – Councilmember Alex Padilla introduced a motion on Tuesday directing the Information Technology Agency to assess the security levels of City’s computer networks and web page, <http://www.lacity.org>.

“As the City of Los Angeles provides additional services online and becomes more technology-oriented, we must protect the public’s systems from electronic attacks,” said Councilmember Padilla, chair of the City’s Information Technology and General Services Committee. “Malicious attacks by computer criminals have disrupted both commercial and government networks nationwide. The City’s computer security is a matter of the highest importance.”

During the week of February 7, several major Internet portals including Yahoo!, Amazon.com, and eBay experienced service disruptions after being attacked by computer hackers.

Councilmember Padilla’s motion will appear before the full City Council on Tuesday, February 22.

***The 7<sup>th</sup> Council District serves the communities of Arleta, Mission Hills, North Hills, North Hollywood, Lake View Terrace, Pacoima, Panorama City, Sun Valley, Sylmar, and Van Nuys.***

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