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PADILLA WINS APPROVAL FOR CITY TO DEVELOP PRESERVATION PLAN FOR "GREAT WALL OF LOS ANGELES"

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North Hollywood mural fading due to weather, age, quake damage

LOS ANGELES – Councilmember Alex Padilla today won approval for his motion directing the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs to develop a detailed plan on how best to preserve the 25-year-old "Great Wall of Los Angeles," the world's longest mural. The mural's images are fading due to various factors, including weather, age, and earthquake damage.

"The 'Great Wall of Los Angeles' is one of the City's cultural treasures, and it's located in the San Fernando Valley," said Padilla. "I'm pleased that the City will play a leading role in restoring this great mural that was painted by renowned artist Judith Baca along with assistance from local youth. The 'Great Wall of Los Angeles' captures and depicts the significant historical moments in our City's rich history."

The Cultural Affairs Department will work cooperatively with the Department of Public Works, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Valley College, and the Department of Water and Power to identify funding sources for restoring the mural.

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

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