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COUNCILMEMBER PADILLA DIRECTS CITY TO INSPECT PORTABLE BABY CRIBS IN HOTELS AND MOTELS

LOS ANGELES – Councilmember Alex Padilla today introduced a motion directing the City of Los Angeles' Department of Building and Safety to begin the process of monitoring and inspecting portable cribs at hotels and motels throughout the City.

"Small children and infants are being put at risk," said Councilmember Padilla. "Unsafe cribs can result in suffocation and injuries, and parents need to be guaranteed their children can sleep in a hazard-free environment. Los Angeles' hotels and motels have a responsibility to make sure their cribs meet the latest child safety standards."

The Department of Building and Safety has staff and budget resources to conduct code enforcement inspections. Councilmember Padilla's motion directs the Department to be more proactive in inspecting portable cribs in hotels and motels.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National SAFEKIDS campaign reported that 82% of cribs at hotels and motels throughout the country were found to be unsafe.

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

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