



7th District News

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PADILLA NAMES MONIQUE KAGAN AS CHIEF OF STAFF

LOS ANGELES – Councilmember Alex Padilla today named Monique Kagan as his Chief of Staff. Kagan, a City employee since 1996, has served in the office of Councilmember Ruth Galanter as Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Legislative Deputy.

Prior to joining the City, Kagan worked for San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Legal Services in Pacoima, was a legal fellow at the public interest firm Public Counsel, and served for three years as a staff member to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

“Monique will bring extensive public policy experience to her new position,” said Councilmember Padilla. “I am proud to have her join my office. Monique has had successful experience in shepherding major policies through the City’s Legislative process, and she will be instrumental in helping to bring economic development, basic city services, and programs for youth throughout the northeast San Fernando Valley.”

“Monique has been a tremendous asset to my office and we’ll miss her a lot,” said Councilmember Galanter. “She is very bright, has great personal integrity, and grasps complex issues quickly.”

“I look forward to working for Councilmember Padilla,” said Kagan. “I’m proud to join his staff and to serve the constituents of the Seventh Council District.”

Kagan grew up in Mission Hills and is a native of Los Angeles. She is a graduate of UCLA and has a law degree from Catholic University’s Columbus School of Law.

Kagan will begin her new position in mid-May.

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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