



7th District News

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PADILLA WINS CITY SUPPORT FOR MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL YOUTH ACADEMY AT HANSEN DAM

LOS ANGELES – Councilmember Alex Padilla today won unanimous approval for a resolution giving official City support to the proposed Major League Baseball Youth Academy at the Hansen Dam Recreation Area in the northeast San Fernando Valley.

The Major League Baseball Youth Academy – the first of its kind in the nation – is part of Major League Baseball’s Urban Youth Initiative. The Academy is planning to host programs that are geared toward developing the talents of at-risk youth both on and off the field, with baseball and softball clinics for girls and boys. Additionally, courses will be taught in the fields of management, coaching, training, umpiring, sports writing, groundskeeping, and statistics.

“This unique ‘triple play’ by Major League Baseball, the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the City of Los Angeles is a great new project for L.A.’s kids,” said Padilla, who was a starting pitcher for both San Fernando High School and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. “The Academy will provide the young people of this City with their own ‘field of dreams’ that will help teach our children teamwork, leadership, and dedication – all skills and values that can be passed on to future generations.”

Major League Baseball has committed \$3 million in capital costs to build the Academy, and will provide an additional \$1 million a year to operate the Academy. Major League Baseball, the Dodgers, and community leaders are helping to identify an additional site for a satellite field in South Los Angeles.

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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