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PADILLA ANNOUNCES NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND GRANT AWARDS IN NORTHEAST VALLEY

Nine area projects receive more than \$40,000 in funding

LOS ANGELES – Councilmember Alex Padilla announced the awarding of nine Neighborhood Matching Fund grants to projects throughout the northeast San Fernando Valley.

"From planting trees, to constructing student-designed bus benches, to building a learning garden, these projects will make the northeast Valley a better place to live," said Padilla. "By working in partnership with local community-based organizations, the City is able to help make much-needed improvements our neighborhoods."

The matching fund grants will help to fund the following projects:

- A school sign at El Dorado Elementary School, Sylmar
- Irrigation and asphalt cuts for eighteen trees, Haddon Avenue Elementary School, Pacoima
- Irrigation and asphalt cuts for twenty-eight trees, Langdon Avenue Elementary School, Panorama City
- Meditation/Learning Garden, Pacoima Middle School, Pacoima
- Irrigation and asphalt cuts for twenty-eight trees, Noble Avenue Elementary School, North Hills
- Student-designed decorative concrete bus benches, Sun Valley
- Planting trees and shrubs in blacktop area, OASIS, North Hollywood
- California native tree-planting adjacent to Valley Shelter, North Hollywood
- Tree-planting and sidewalk enhancement, Vaughn Learning Center, Pacoima

The Neighborhood Matching Fund, a partnership between the City of Los Angeles and neighborhoodbased organizations, provides cash grants to neighborhood groups that undertake local improvement projects. Awards ranging from \$250 to \$5,000 match a community's contribution of cash, in-kind contributions, and volunteer labor.

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

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