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**7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

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**PADILLA ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
ON \$532.6 MILLION FIRE STATION AND ANIMAL SHELTER BOND**

**LOS ANGELES** – City Council President Alex Padilla has named Ms. Phyllis E. Currie, Mr. Marc J. Jacoby, Mr. John A. Ornelas, Mr. James W. Odom, Mr. Joe Feinstein, and Ms. Cecilia Nunez to the Citizens Oversight Committee for Proposition F.

Proposition F, a \$532.6 million Citywide bond measure, was approved by 75.4% of the voters in November, 2000. Proposition F's passage allows the City of Los Angeles to issue bonds to build nineteen neighborhood fire/paramedic stations, an Emergency Helicopter and Air Operations facility at Van Nuys Airport, and to build, expand, renovate, and replace eight animal shelters.

"These members of the Citizens Oversight Committee will work to ensure that these vital projects move forward on time and on budget in order to serve the residents and businesses of the City of Los Angeles," said Padilla.

Council President Padilla's appointments are effective immediately.

Biographies of the appointees are attached.

*The 7<sup>th</sup> 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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## ***Biographical Information***

### ***Councilmember Padilla's Appointments to Citizens Oversight Committee for Proposition F December 21, 2001***

#### **PROPOSITION F - FIRE & PARAMEDIC FACILITY OVERSIGHT**

***Phyllis Currie*** – Ms. Currie, a resident of Ladera Heights, was appointed General Manager of the Pasadena Department of Water and Power in April, 2001. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Currie had a 30-year career with the City of Los Angeles, including service as Chief Financial Officer for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, where she managed the financial affairs of the \$2.5 billion public water and power utility. Ms. Currie also served as Assistant City Administrative Officer overseeing development of the annual budget, long-range financial planning, and debt issuance for major capital projects. Ms. Currie is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association and the National Forum of Black Public Administrators, and is on the board of directors for the Angeles Girl Scout Council and the Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women.

***Marc Jacoby*** – Mr. Jacoby, a resident of Brentwood, is the President of J-Mar Associates Insurance Services in West Los Angeles, founded in 1975. Mr. Jacoby has been a Certified Financial Planner since 1977. Mr. Jacoby was instrumental in developing Los Angeles' Adopt-a-Fire-Station program, and raised the funds to purchase a new Diesel Exhaust System for local Fire Station 19. Mr. Jacoby has more than 250 hours of Registered Volunteer Service with the Fire Department, and is a co-founder and board member of Westview School, which specializes in providing education for children with learning disabilities.

***John Ornelas*** – Mr. Ornelas, a resident of Sylmar, recently served as the City Administrator for the City of San Fernando, working with the City Council on all administrative and policy matters related to Police, Public Works, Recreation & Community Services, Community Development, Administrative Services, and the Treasurer's Office. The City of San Fernando has an annual budget of \$28 million, a capital improvement project program totalling \$50 million, and has 160 full-time employees. Mr. Ornelas was previously Deputy City Manager for the City of San Gabriel, a Redevelopment Administrator for the City of Burbank, and an Assistant Economist in the Office of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. Mr. Ornelas is a member of the California Redevelopment Association, the Urban Land Institute, and the League of California Cities.

#### **PROPOSITION F – ANIMAL SHELTER FACILITY OVERSIGHT**

***James W. Odom*** – Mr. Odom, a resident of Leimert Park, is the Business Representative for Sheet Metal Workers Local 108, where he serves on the union's Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, Civil Rights Committee, Credentials Committee, and the Western States Council Delegate to the Union Label and Safety Committee. Mr. Odom is also a delegate to the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor and is a member of the Los Angeles Building Trades Executive Board.

***Joe Feinstein*** – Joe Feinstein, a resident of Sylmar, is a real estate agent with Realty Professionals, Inc. Mr. Feinstein previously owned a gasoline service station in Sylmar, and is a block captain for the Harding Street Neighborhood Watch organization.

***Cecilia Nunez*** – Ms. Nunez, a resident of Los Angeles, works for the law firm of Bragg, Short, Serota & Kuluva, the in-house counsel for Chubb Group of Insurance Companies' Los Angeles office. Previously, Ms. Nunez worked in the offices of Murchison & Cumming and the law offices of Simon & Sheridan. Ms. Nunez also worked in the accounting department for Groman Mortuary in Los Angeles.