



7th District News

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COUNCILMEMBER ALEX PADILLA DIRECTS CITY TO REVIEW RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR CITY OFFICE

LOS ANGELES B Councilmember Alex Padilla today directed the City Clerk and the Chief Legislative Analyst to report to the City Council on the feasibility of increasing the residency requirement for candidates running for elected positions in the City of Los Angeles. Under current law, candidates for office in the City of Los Angeles must be district residents for only thirty days before the candidate filing deadline. A report issued by the City Attorney's office on residency requirements looked at existing laws within the State of California. The report by the City Clerk and the Chief Legislative Analyst will also look at residency laws nationwide and will assess the enactment of stronger residency requirements.

"In the name of democracy and fair representation, it's essential that our elected representatives be from the communities they serve," said Councilmember Padilla. "Under the rules currently in place, an outsider with strong political connections and a hefty bank account can move in and take advantage of the system. We must ensure that local communities have an opportunity to vote for candidates who will represent their interests, and not those of others."

The matter has been referred to the Council's Rules and Elections Committee for review.

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

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