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PADILLA STATEMENT REGARDING POLICE COMMISSION DECISION

LOS ANGELES – City Council President Alex Padilla today made the following statement regarding today's Police Commission decision on the reappointment of the Chief of Police:

"Ten years ago, the residents of Los Angeles voted more than two-to-one for a police reform measure that increased the level of civilian oversight of the Los Angeles Police Department and limited each Police Chief to two five-year terms. This measure was drafted after recommendations for police reform were made by the Independent Commission on the Police Department, led by Warren Christopher.

"This measure, ratified by the will of the voters, increased the LAPD's accountability, and created an environment in which the Police Commission, made up of civilians, was strengthened and given full authority with respect to reviewing the term of the Chief of Police.

"The decision of the Police Commission was based not only on established performance standards, but on an evaluation of the management and leadership of the Chief.

"The Police Commission has done its job.

"We must now move forward and remain focused on the law enforcement issues most important to the residents of Los Angeles: to fill vacancies in the LAPD, to continue ongoing police reform efforts, and to work together to provide the highest possible level of public safety throughout 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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