



*7<sup>th</sup> District News*

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### **STATEMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER PADILLA ON THE DEATH OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN FERRARO**

“President Ferraro was a colleague, a confidant, and a friend. But more importantly, John was one of the greatest leaders in the history of our City. He is a role model for both current and future leaders of Los Angeles.

“President Ferraro’s work was directly behind some of the greatest moments in our City’s history – from being the driving force behind bringing the 1984 Olympics to Los Angeles, to revitalizing the L.A. Zoo in Griffith Park, to ensuring that Staples Center would become a great addition to downtown Los Angeles. John was also very dedicated to the Fourth Council District he has represented since 1966.

“John’s passing is a great loss for us all. We will miss his leadership, his wisdom, and his ability to work across the political spectrum to do what is best for Los Angeles. But each of us can honor John and his great legacy of public service by constantly seeking ways in which to make positive contributions to our City.

“The man we knew as ‘Big John,’ the All-American USC tackle, also had one of the biggest hearts of anyone I’ve had the privilege of knowing.

“The prayers of myself, my family, and those of all Angelenos are with John’s son, his daughter-in-law, his late wife Margaret, and the rest of his friends and family during this difficult time.”

***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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