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COUNCILMEMBER ALEX PADILLA TO DONATE PAY INCREASE TO TELFAIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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School ceremony to be held on Friday, January 21 at 1:30pm to also include donation of gurney to school nurse's office

LOS ANGELES B Councilmember Alex Padilla today announced he will be donating his 3.8% salary increase to Telfair Elementary School's after school program for the purchase of playground equipment. The L.A. Bridges program, an after school program at Telfair, currently has funding for staff but needs financial assistance for supplies and activities.

"I am dedicated to providing opportunities for youth, especially those in my district," said Councilmember Padilla. "When I attended Telfair, there were plenty of after school activities to participate in, including playgrounds and tutoring programs, library programs, and Little League.

"For families in which both parents work, or in single-parent families, the need for constructive after school activities and programs is critical. I am pleased to assist the students, faculty, and staff at Telfair by helping them build this much-needed playground."

Councilmember Padilla will be at Telfair Elementary School, 10975 Telfair Avenue, Pacoima on Friday, January 21, for a school-wide assembly at 1:30pm. At the assembly, representatives from American Medical Response will donate a gurney to the school nurse's office for first aid training and for use in emergencies. In addition, Councilmember Padilla will address those attending the assembly with an official announcement of his donation to the school.

According to the City Charter, the salaries of Los Angeles City Councilmembers are equal to those of Los Angeles Municipal Court judges. In September 1999, Municipal Court judges negotiated a pay raise through a collective bargaining agreement retroactive to July 1, 1999. The pay increase for Councilmembers is also retroactive to July 1, 1999.

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