



7th District News

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PADILLA WINS APPROVAL FOR VALLEY YOUTH INITIATIVE, JUVENILE TRAFFIC COURT TO BE LOCATED AT SITE AT IN PACOIMA

LOS ANGELES – Councilmember Alex Padilla today won unanimous approval for his motion directing the City of Los Angeles to enter into lease agreements with the Valley Youth Initiative and the Los Angeles County Juvenile and Traffic Court. Both organizations will be housed at the Jeopardy: Balancing the Odds site near the intersection of Glenoaks Blvd. and the 118 Freeway in Pacoima.

“Today we are bringing together complementary youth-oriented programs right here in the San Fernando Valley,” said Padilla. “The Valley Youth Initiative will provide positive alternatives for our young people – especially at-risk youth – with new, innovative ways to acquire job skills and to be competitive in the global marketplace of the new economy.

“By bringing the County Juvenile and Traffic Court to the same site, we will create a synergy not only with the Valley Youth Initiative, but with the Jeopardy anti-gang intervention program already housed in the building. We are absolutely committed to maximizing our resources to give these organizations a much better chance of receiving federal and state dollars to expand operations in the future.”

The Valley Youth Initiative will be administered by the Los Angeles Housing Authority, with funding received through the Consolidated Development Block Grant Plan, Urban Development Action grants, and Workforce Investment Act funding. The job skills training program will be developed jointly by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Youth Employment organization, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and the UCLA Community-Based Learning Program.

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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