



7th District News

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PADILLA WINS APPROVAL FOR ZERO-TOLERANCE ZONES FOR GRAFFITI IN CITY PARKS, NEIGHBORHOODS

LOS ANGELES Councilmember Alex Padilla today won approval for his proposal to expand the Operation Healthy Neighborhoods program to include a component that would impose zero-tolerance zones for graffiti in at-risk City parks. The zero-tolerance zone would also include residences and businesses within a half-mile radius of the parks being targeted for improvement by the Operation Healthy Neighborhoods program.

"We must take an aggressive stand against graffiti, the most visible sign of blight and gang activity in our neighborhoods," said Padilla, who announced the establishment of an LAPD drop-in center at Hubert Humphrey Park earlier this week. "By removing graffiti, communities can take back their streets, take back their neighborhoods, and take an aggressive stand against the dangerous gangs that poison the minds and ruin the lives of our young people."

The zero-tolerance zone requires that all existing graffiti be removed within one week at each of the 37 at-risk parks targeted by the Operation Healthy Neighborhoods program. Each of the areas would then be required to remove any new graffiti within 24 hours.

Violent, gang-related attacks in Pacoima, particularly around Hubert Humphrey Park, have brought City officials and local community members together to seek proactive measures to combat crime.

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

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