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ALARCÓN INTRODUCES AMENDING MOTION TO ALLOCATE \$600,000 FOR GANG INTERVENTION OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS

Los Angeles, CA – During today’s discussion of the 2007-2008 Year-End Fiscal Status Report, Councilmember Richard Alarcón introduced an amending motion to allocate \$600,000 for increased gang intervention services. The funds will be used to expand gang intervention services during the summer months, between July 1, 2008 and September 30, 2008. The motion was accepted as a friendly amendment and is now part of the city’s budget.

“We have already seen the rise of violence that comes with the summer months and we do not have the luxury of waiting – the time for action is now,” said Councilmember Alarcón. “May is the month of Mother’s Day, and this funding will help ensure that fewer mother’s will have to receive the devastating news that their son or their daughter was shot during a senseless act of violence.”

The funds for the \$600,000 allocation will come from the new General Fund revenue that will be raised by fully collecting the fees for additional or larger than standard issue trash and green waste containers (black and blue bins). Councilmember Alarcón discovered that the city was currently not collecting this fee for roughly half of the additional capacity and, on May 16th, introduced a motion that would ensure that all customers pay their fair share by instructing the Bureau of Sanitation Bureau to collect fees on all additional capacity.

ATTACHED: Motion to authorize the Controller to re-appropriate \$600,000 for increased gang intervention services.

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