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ALARCÓN CALLS ON THE NEW SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) TO INCLUDE A DIVERSITY OF VOICES, VISIONS AND GOALS WITH PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

Los Angeles, CA – During today’s Education and Neighborhoods Committee meeting, Committee Chairperson Los Angeles City Councilmember Richard Alarcón held a special hearing to consider the impact of the Southern California Association of Governments’ (SGAG) proposed partnership of local governments known as a “COG” or a Council of Governments. The San Fernando Cities COG is a new group that is being created to ensure greater coordination of significant regional issues within the San Fernando Valley region. During today’s meeting, the Education and Neighborhoods Committee heard from a variety of experts including Bruce Ackerman with the Valley Economic Development Center (VEDC). During the meeting Councilmember Alarcón shared his vision for proportional representation and partnership for the new San Fernando Cities COG.

“Our Valley and our neighborhoods share similar concerns about job growth, housing, commercial development, air quality, health services and schools, and we can best live as neighbors by working together to develop and implement solutions that improve the quality of life for all,” said Councilmember Alarcón. “The San Fernando Cities COG has the potential to be a great tool for coordination of regional policy and growth within the San Fernando Valley and its immediately surrounding areas.”

If it is created, the SFVCOG will be the third Council of Government formed within the Los Angeles County region. The COG provides a forum for discussion and communication as well as formalized representation and advocacy on behalf of the San Fernando Valley subregion with regional, state and federal agencies. The members of the COG will partner in a cooperative endeavor to forge consensus on policies and programs of regional significance that enhance the quality of daily life, sustain the environment and enrich the future for San Fernando Valley residents, businesses, and visitors.

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