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## **ALARCÓN INTRODUCES MOTION TO ENSURE COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED GANG INJUNCTIONS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS**

**Los Angeles, CA** – Today, Los Angeles City Councilmember Richard Alarcón introduced a motion to ensure that there is a process in place so that Neighborhood Councils and other community members have the opportunity to learn about proposed gang injunctions, including the scope and boundaries of the injunction, and be given an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal. This motion is in response to the recent release of a proposal by the Los Angeles City Attorney and the District Attorney for a gang injunction against the San Fer gang in Sylmar and the city of San Fernando.

“Gang injunctions are an important tool for the Los Angeles Police Department, but in order to be truly successful, the community must understand why the injunction is structured the way it is and have the chance to provide feedback on the proposal,” said Councilmember Alarcón. “No one knows our communities better than the local residents and families, and it is crucial that the Neighborhood Councils and other community members are involved in the process early, so we can create even stronger gang injunctions and, ultimately, ensure that the community understands and supports the proposal.”

This motion comes two days after Councilmember Alarcón submitted a letter to the Sylmar Neighborhood Council indicating his support for the proposed San Fer gang injunction in Sylmar, but raising concerns about the lack of community involvement earlier in the process, as well as concerns about the intensely negative way the community of Sylmar is portrayed in the proposed injunction.

Councilmember Alarcón’s motion specifically requests that the City Attorney present a report within 60 days to the Ad Hoc Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development on the current process for receiving public input for proposed gang injunctions and that the report include recommendations on how the process can be amended to ensure the community has the opportunity to receive information and provide feedback.

Councilmember Alarcón has a long history of involvement with and support of gang injunctions, going back to the first gang injunction in the San Fernando Valley, the Blythe Street Gang injunction. Alarcón, the City Councilmember who represented the area at the time, was a strong supporter of the injunction which has had an enormously positive impact on the local community.

*Motion and letter to the Sylmar Neighborhood Council attached.*

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