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ALARCÓN WORKS WITH REC & PARKS TO OPEN SYLMAR POOL AND USES OFFICE FUNDS TO PAY FOR BUS SERVICE FROM RITCHIE VALENS TO THE HANSEN DAM POOL

Los Angeles, CA – Today, Councilmember Alarcón joins with the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to announce the opening of the Sylmar Pool, located at 13109 Borden Ave., Sylmar, CA 91342. The pool opened at 11:00 am today. The Sylmar Pool, which had been shut down for repairs, will be open for regular operating hours – in time for the long July 4th holiday weekend. Councilmember Alarcón has been working with the Dept. of Recreation and Parks to expedite the pool opening and ensure that the children and families in the Seventh Council District have the opportunity to cool off in the local pool.

Additionally, because the pool at Ritchie Valens Park has need for longer repairs, Councilmember Alarcón will be using office funds to sponsor a bus three days a week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) from Ritchie Valens Park to the Hansen Dam swimming area, starting Wednesday, July 9. The bus service will continue until the pool re-opens. The bus will pick up kids at 12:00 PM and return to Ritchie Valens at 4:30 PM. Supervision will be provided by Recreation and Parks and parents must complete a Parent Consent form and proper pool attire is required. Ritchie Valens Pool is scheduled to re-open in early August.

“With the long July 4th holiday weekend coming up, the Sylmar Pool provides a wonderful opportunity for families to get outdoors and beat the heat, and the opening of this pool didn’t come a moment too soon,” said Councilmember Alarcón. “I grew up going to the local pool, and I know how important pools are to our community. I am proud to sponsor buses from Ritchie Valens Park to ensure that all kids and parents – no matter which pool they live near – are able get to a pool to play, exercise and enjoy a safe and fun day.”

Through the use of QUIMBY funds, the Sylmar Pool now hosts a number of water features, including an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible “splash pad” as well as the pool itself.

Other open pools in District Seven include the Hansen Dam Swim Lake (Lake View Terrace), Hubert Humphrey Pool (Pacoima) and the Sepulveda Pool (Panorama City). Hours of operation can be found at <http://www.laparks.org>. Pools are free for children 17 & under, and children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are \$2.50 or \$2.00 with a library card and seniors (65 & up) and persons with disabilities are free. Swim suits, swim trunks with liner (exception board shorts providing coverage), must be worn by persons in the pool area.